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Major.

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Grey, E. C. 24/9/27
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Mrs. Money	.. „ 12/30	P.R.I., 1st Bn., for Serjeants' Mess	*Bound Vols.*
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Mrs. Clifford	.. „ 12/30	Col. O. B. Foster, M.C.	*Bound Vols.*
Col. S. H. Enderby ..	.. „ 12/30	P.R.I., 1st Bn.	*Gazettes*
Brig.-Gen. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E. ..	.. „ 12/30	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Mr. T. Smallwood ..	.. „ 12/30		
Lt. H. S. Flower ..	.. „ 12/30		
Col. O. B. Foster, M.C.	.. „ 12/30		

BIRTHS.

HAMILTON.—At the Station Family Hospital, Lahore, on 23rd November, 1929, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. Hamilton—a child.

DOY.—At the Station Family Hospital, Lahore, on 8th December, 1929, to the wife of Sjt. Doy—a child.

OATES.—At the Station Family Hospital, Lahore, on 12th December, 1929, to the wife of Pte. Oates—a child.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison is seconded for service as Adjutant, T.A. (dated 5th December, 1929) ; Capt. (Quartermaster) J. H. Maynard retires on retired pay (dated 6th January, 1930) ; R.S.M. D. V. Redhead to be Lieutenant (Quartermaster) (dated 6th January, 1930).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Capt. (Quartermaster) W. Watson, M.C., to be Major (Quartermaster) (dated 9th January, 1930).

7th Bn.—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Adjutant, and is granted the temporary rank of Captain in the T.A. (with pay and allowances of a Lieut.) whilst holding that appointment (dated 5th December, 1929).

7th Bn.—E. B. L. Hart (late Cadet, Glenalmond (Trinity) College Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 22nd January, 1930).

Obituary.

The late Bandsman D. Poole.

We regret to announce the death of the late Bandsman D. Poole, who was discharged the Service on account of Medical unfitness after 16 years' service.

BANDSMAN D. POOLE.

He served the whole of his time in the Band of the 1st Battalion.

To his widow we offer our sincere sympathy.

A wide and varied choice of assortments and boxes is presented by the famous Bournville firm, Cadbury Bros., Ltd., and at this season especially there is an infinite range of design and price to meet the wishes of even the most fastidious.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

January, 1930.

ON 31st December, 1929, a Draft of 120 Other Ranks embarked on the s.s. *Dorsetshire* for service with the 2nd Battalion. We wish them good fortune and hope they will soon accustom themselves to the new conditions, and prove an asset to the 2nd Battalion in every way. Fifty years on may they, too, look back with pride on the years of service spent in the Regiment, and find the spirit of comradeship still intact.

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Owing to the unsettled state of affairs in India our thoughts turn a good deal to the 2nd Battalion, and it is therefore especially interesting to read the following extract from the *Times*, dated 2nd January, 1930 :—

"PROCLAMATION DAY.

"The New Year in Lahore began with a thoroughly refreshing interlude out at the cantonments, where the troops held the Proclamation Day parade. Punctually at 11 o'clock the Union Jack was broken at the saluting-base. The guns of the artillery fired a Royal Salute, and a *feu de joie* rattled up and down the khaki line of the infantry brigade, mingling with the deeper note of the drone of aeroplanes flying in formation overhead. But sweetest music of all in ears sick and weary of seditious speeches and whined apologies for crime was the fervent response to the call for three cheers for the King-Emperor.

"The troops were a splendid sight as they marched past Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, the Governor, who took the salute. First, three Royal Air Force machines came swooping down out of the sky until their wheels were only a few feet from the ground. They were followed by cavalry, which was composed of the Punjab Light Horse (a smart volunteer force recruited from the British civil community) and Probyn's Horse, who, like all Indian cavalry, were magnificently mounted. A brigade of artillery followed. The infantry were led by the 2nd Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers, the old "Fighting Fifth." Behind them came Punjabis, who went past to the music of their pipe band playing the regimental march, "Cock of the North," the tune to which, 30 odd years ago, the Gordons charged the heights of Dargai, only 200 miles north-west of Lahore. All came as an inspiring tonic after a New Year's Eve heavy with doubt and depression."

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To those who have not yet had the opportunity of serving abroad, the above extract may convey some idea of the confidence inspired by the Army in India, and also the important part played by the soldier in the affairs of the Empire overseas

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The period covered by these notes is a difficult one for the chronicler, as most of the Battalion have been on leave, and the few remaining fully occupied holding the fort.

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We are now more or less concentrated, and "Appreciating the Situation" for 1930.

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We are solid in our agreement that the object to be attained is to make the Battalion yet more efficient in every field.

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Factors affecting its attainment are more difficult. The loss occasioned by sending large drafts to India presents many difficulties. Guidance on how to train an ideal Battalion is abundant, but how to get the men to fill the gaps and provide them with the necessary training before Battalion and Brigade training is upon us, still remains the main problem.

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While Company Commanders prepare superb programmes for the first objective—Individual Training—and dream of Sections and Platoons composed of individuals who are masters in the use of their weapons, ground, and formations, the Company-Serjeant-Majors sadly shake their heads, and prove conclusively that, even though the Company is struck off all Regimental duties, the total number available will be 29.

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The Subalterns are equally diligently employed working out how they can cram eight days' hunting into one week; what duties are likely to fall in the next three months; who is likely to be employed on them; how many more horses will thus become available for the lucky ones, and for how long. Also whether the screw which pulls the milk cart would be good for one day a week, and, if so, whether terms could be arranged.

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Causes for reflection occur at each bound. This usually coincides with the date Mess bills are issued. The latest solution to the difficulties encountered appears to be the purchase of a new car.

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Much the same procedure, with modifications, applies to shooting. Those who feel unable to compete with the situation, repair to Switzerland for the winter sports.

OFFICERS "A" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION THE ELGIN REGIMENT.

Back Row.—Sup. 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Hunt, 2nd-Lieut. K. H. McKay, 2nd-Lieut. S. J. Scott.
Front Row.—Lieut. J. G. Andrews, Capt. A. K. Mair, Major F. R. Palmer, Lieut. W. R. Balkwill.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Capt. Trenam during the month, looking as fit and sprightly as ever, and full of the achievements and progress of our Territorial Battalions. His enthusiasm indicates that his tour of duty has been profitable both to himself and the 7th Battalion. He has since sailed for India, and we take the opportunity of wishing him good luck.

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The new A.C.I. washing out Officers' parties, cuts both ways, and the more fortunate of us were privileged to witness the inspiring sight of Ben Tarleton moving off a church party of one Serjeant and two men. We trust that, as he marched along, he felt this to be merely the cadre of the Division he will one day, doubtless, command.

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The order which states that in future, except on ceremonial occasions, Infantry will march along the road in "THREES," provides us with food for thought. Company-Serjeant-Majors are frenzidly going through their manuals to spring on unsuspecting Company Commanders the movements it will be impossible to execute in the new formation.

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We congratulate Mr. Crawhall on his marriage to Miss Eileen Reid, which took place at Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 14th January, 1930. We wish them both many years of happiness.

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The Officer Commanding "W" Company received a letter from Major Palmer, Commanding "A" Company, The Elgin Regiment of Canada, one of our Affiliated Regiments, during the month. The letter was a record of the achievements of the Company during the past year, and the fine spirit of endeavour was much appreciated by All Ranks of "W" Company.

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We send a photo of the Officers of "A" Company, The Elgin Regiment, which will be of interest to all readers.

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We welcome the 2nd Bn. (P.W.O.) West Yorkshire Regt. to Strensall. They are old friends of ours, and have been honorary members of our Mess since 1899.

Limericks.

(My Friends in the 1st Battalion.)

There's a man who lives down in Mount Vale,
Of his dog ever tells a fine tale!
And some of his diction
Is not fit for fiction,
Should an argument start to prevail!

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There's a young man who lives out at Skelton,
Who apes a style seen most at Melton.
When not sucking a straw
He is feeling a " fore,"
Our horsey friend out there at Skelton !

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There's a man who has taught us a lesson
(Which is right in his years of discretion!),
And a childish disease ——
We can catch if-you-please,
At mature age infection won't lessen!

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There's a man of the terrace of Bootham,
With a soldierly mien which should move 'em !
From a " complex inferior " suffers (he says),
And the sound of his voice is a noise that he dreads,
Our friend of the terrace of Bootham!

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There's a man at a house called Lynngarth,
Who has such a fine car he can chaff
Those with a Morris—and hopes we shall heed
When he hoots as he passes at deuce of a speed,
Our affluent friend of Lynngarth !

" BYSTANDER."

Hunting.

We must count ourselves lucky this last month, as in spite of much rain we have not yet been stopped hunting by snow or frost.

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We are sorry to report that Capt. Braddell, on his last day's hunting before leaving for Switzerland, fell at a ditch early in the day, and did not meet with his horse again until 3.30 in the afternoon ! He must be getting into training for the Swiss mountains! and in future we suggest beagling ! ! !

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We cannot keep pace with Mr. Hobbs' stud—which now numbers four! We trust they are sounder than his hat ! !

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We are glad to hear Mr. Beckwith is having some fun with the Beaufort, but trust we'll not be expected to follow him over the five-barred gates which he describes to us! (Love lends wings!)

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Mr. Yorke and Mr. Enderby have returned from leave ; although the latter caught his head on a tree, he's none the worse, and showing us all the way on Poor Pat!

Boxing.

Very little could be done towards choosing the Battalion team after the Hart Shield, until the Indian Draft had gone and the new Draft arrived and been tried out. However, most of our best boxers have left, and from all accounts there are some promising performers in the new Draft.

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We are sorry to lose Dobie, Ferguson, and Graham, all of whom put up a very good show in the Hart Shield.

Our match against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the first round of the Command Championship, was to have taken place at the end of this month. As they have scratched, owing to lack of numbers, we have more time to pick our team for the next round.

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The Novices Competition, on the 27th and 28th of this month, ought to produce some valuable additions to the Battalion team and make the choice easier.

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The match against the 6th Battalion, on the 8th February, will try out the team. If we are successful it will prove that the team is as good as ever it was, as it is rumoured that the 6th Battalion team is still up to its usual high standard under the able management of Captain Rutherford.

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It is hoped that Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe will be able to give fight again soon, as he is one of the mainstays of the team. He has unfortunately fractured a bone in his hand.

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We have three entries for the Army Individual Championships this year—Lce.-Cpl. Stockton as a Light Heavy-Weight, Fus. Morton as a Welter-Weight, and Fus. Irving as a Light-Weight. We wish them the best of luck.

Football.

The teams having been on leave up to the 14th of the month, there is not very much to record, although what there is, is very creditable to both the first and second teams.

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1st Team Notes.

We have not taken part in any League matches so far this month, but have been engaged in two Cup Ties.

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On the 18th we travelled to Thirsk, to play the Town in the first round of the York Faber Cup. This is considered the best Cup in York and district.

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Team :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell (*capt.*)
Fus. Malcolm. Cpl. Scanlon. Lce.-Cpl. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Dmr. Caldwell.

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Winning the toss, the FIFTH had a slight wind behind them in the first half. After many attempts on Thirsk's goal we were successful through Hughes, who scored in 20 minutes from a centre from Caldwell. The play was inclined to be of the real Cup Tie type, and both teams suffered through injuries. Hughes added a further goal just before half-time from a pass from Scanlon. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 2, Thirsk Town 0.

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On the resumption play was rather scrappy, but the FIFTH were able to hold their own, Hughes scoring a further goal towards the end. In this game Craig in goal was seen at his best, and saved several really good shots, stopping one from only four yards out.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ..	45	Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton ..	2
Cpl. Scanlon	33	Cpl. Stobbart	1
Fus. Young	10	Fus. Postle	1
Dmr. Caldwell	8		
Cpl. Bell	6	Total	111
Fus. Kellet	5		

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So far this season we have played 21 matches, winning 19 and losing 2. We have scored 111 goals against 32.

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Army Cup Notes.

On the 22nd we met the Royal Ulster Rifles in the fourth round of the Army Cup, at Belfast. We were successful by 3 goals to 1, thus enabling us to pass into the fifth round for the first time since the War.

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Team :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton. Cpl. Bell (*capt.*).
Fus. Malcolm. Cpl. Scanlon. Fus. Young. Dmr. Caldwell.
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes.

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At the start Scanlon forced a corner, and Hughes scored cleverly. The Rifles made many hot attacks, but Craig was equal to the occasion and kept a fine goal. Young was prominent in many of the FIFTH's moves and had hard luck in not scoring. The play proved very exciting, it being a typical Cup Tie. The Rifles pressed, but Charlton and Bell did all that was asked of them in the defence. With a clear goal Ferguson, of the Rifles, failed badly, but made amends shortly afterwards by scoring when close in. Malcolm was prominent in a move, but shot behind ; the FIFTH were now pressing very hard and were rewarded by Hughes scoring before half-time. Half-time :—5th Fusiliers 2, Ulster Rifles 1.

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The second period was well contested. The Rifles pressing hard without success, and the FIFTH having hard luck, through Young. Scanlon scored in the last minute of the match.

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Craig and Young were outstanding in this game.

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Army Notes.

Cpl. Bell and Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton have again been called upon to represent the Army during the month.

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2nd Team Notes.

This month we have played two matches in the Half-Holiday League, each resulting in a win for us.

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On 15th we met the Post Office in the return match at home. It will be remembered that we defeated them by 11 goals to 1 in the previous game. Fielding a weak XI., we won comfortably by 6 goals to 1.

Brown (2), Dunn (2), Powell, and Fitzsimmons were the scorers.

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On 22nd we met the Military Hospital away, and defeated them by 5 goals to 2. Dunn (2), Babington, Shields, and Nicholson were the scorers.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Fus. Malcolm	11	Cpl. Pennock	1
Fus. Postle	10	Lce.-Cpl. Charlton ..	1
Lce.-Cpl. Dunn	6	Lce.-Cpl. Powell ..	1
Lce.-Sjt. Babington ..	4	Cpl. Shields	1
Fus. Gregory	2		
Fus. Brown	2	Total	41
Fus. Nicholson ..	1		
Fus. Fitzsimmons ..	1		

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Sergeants' Mess.

January, 1930.

During the month Sjt. Chapman and Sjt. Peppiatt have re-joined, after a tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt. The billiard handicappers are watching both very closely.

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Sjts. Kirby and Forbes have both left for civil life, after completing twenty-one years' service with the Colours. We wish both the very best of luck in their new sphere of life. Our football team will miss Sjt. Kirby's voice. It has often wrecked havoc with a visiting team and spurred ours on to victory.

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Sjt. Chislett has left us for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt. Our loss, etc., etc.

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Congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs. Mears on the birth of a son, and we are pleased to hear both are doing well.

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We wish to tender our deepest sympathy to Sjt. and Mrs. Flick in their recent loss of their son.

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Sjt. Ross is to be congratulated on the way in which he turned our football team out against the Royal Ulster Rifles in the fourth round of the Army Cup. It says a great deal for the stamina of the team when by all accounts they were defending for at least two-thirds of the game, and won by 3 goals to 1.

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"Staker" Donovan, with a *handicap* of 150 *start* out of games 200 up, has managed to reach the final of the billiard handicap, and to make sure of winning the final he has gone on a *rest cure* for three weeks to Belfast. He says he needs to go into retirement after the strenuous time he had in the preceding rounds.

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"Blossom" wants to know why we cannot breed with his parrot and the Battalion homing pigeons, so that when the football team is playing away a "verbal" report can be sent back to the Headquarters at half-time.

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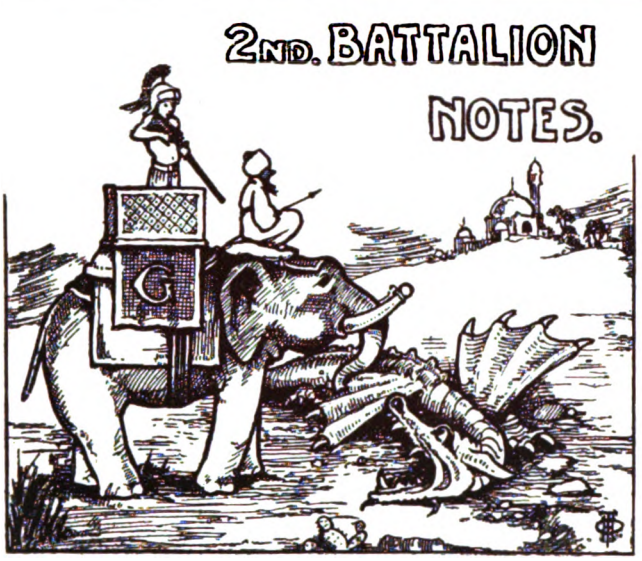

Kasur Camp,
December, 1929.

THE Battalion, less "A" and "C" Companies, left Lahore for Kasur on 6th December, arriving at Kasur about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of 7th December, to find Camp ready pitched by "A" Company, who had been out in Kasur for the previous fortnight.

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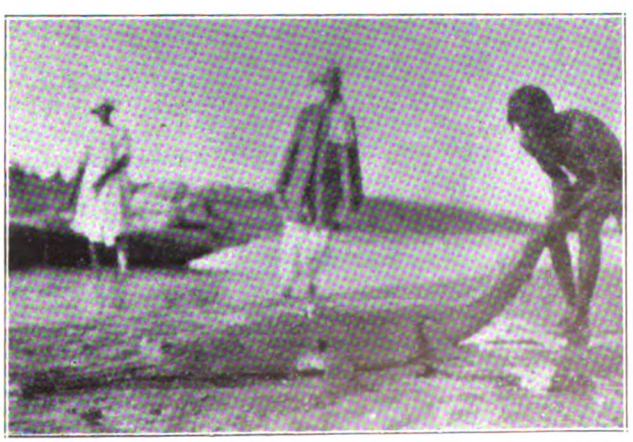
Kasur can be viewed from two angles, that of the estate agent and the soldier. The former perhaps would describe it as follows :—"Desirable camping site for a force of all arms, conveniently situated adjacent to main road and railway, standing in well watered and wooded area, easily accessible to local inhabitants, with arable lands in the immediate vicinity, where rough shooting may be had." The soldier would undoubtedly describe it in a more qualified manner, but which,



perhaps, would not be admissable in these pages ; we will, therefore, append a few notes to the above description from which the Military reader may complete the picture :—

(*a*)	Desirable camping site main road.	Four inches deep in fine white dust. When force of all arms present, camp invisible.
(*b*)	Well watered area.	Exceedingly so. Especially after night of 12th December, when cloud-burst took place.
(*c*)	Easily accessible to local inhabitants.	Very true. Local inhabitants appear to be unaffected by proximity of Central Jail.
(*d*)	Arable lands in immediate vicinity.	These completely surround Camp in every direction and are under plough.
(*e*)	Rough shooting.	Very rough.

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The first three days in Camp were to be devoted to Company Training, but, unfortunately, the third day had to be spent in Camp owing to rain. Thursday was fine, and a Battalion Scheme took place. But on Thursday night arrived the deluge, starting at about 8.30 p.m., and continuing with unabated fury for about an hour, with the result that most of the Camp was under water. Many amusing scenes were witnessed. Some card players in the Officers' Mess, being so intent on

their game, that, not until the water was swirling over their shoes did they become sensible to the fact that the weather was more inclement than usual. In the lines one Fusilier was sitting in his tent peering at the advancing flood through binoculars, while another, the precepts of T. and M. Regulations fresh in his mind, was seen to raise a red screen.

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Camp quietened down about midnight, when everyone had been removed into the remaining dry tents and hot tea had been served out.

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The next day, Friday, was spent in constructing an efficient drainage system in Camp. This has been constructed so efficiently that excavators of 2500 A.D., will probably still find traces of the occupancy of Kasur by the Fifth Fusiliers.

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On Saturday, which brings us up-to-date, another Battalion Scheme took place, but, unfortunately, the mist was so thick all morning that visibility was limited to about 100 yards, the scene being reminiscent of Tennyson's "last great battle in the mist."

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Next week there is to be a Novices' Boxing Competition

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in Camp, and the Officer in charge of Boxing has promised to provide notes on this by mail time.

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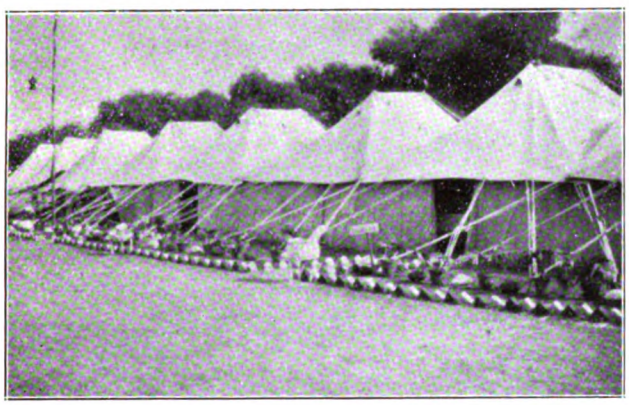
The Battalion has decided to enter a polo team for the



INSTITUTES, KASUR CAMP.

Lahore Christmas Tournament and also for the Infantry Tournament to be held at Bareilly in February. The team has not as yet been selected, but potential members of the Big Four can be seen practising the photographic stance, and shaking out the moth balls from their roll-top sweaters. We are fortunate in being able to obtain the aid of Mr. Ingledew, who is coming up from Delhi for the Christmas Tournament, and who will also be available for the Infantry.

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Mr. Grimley distinguished himself last week by making a score of 91 while playing cricket for Lahore Gymkana against Delhi. He played an almost faultless innings, and the ball crossed the boundary line with the most pleasing frequency, and he would probably have made many more if the first day's play had not closed for failing light when his score stood at 88.

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We were very pleased to receive a visit from Major and Mrs. Ovans about a fortnight ago when they passed through Lahore on their way to and from Sialkot. Major Ovans is now at Lucknow, as Director of Military Prisons and Detention Barracks.

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Mr. Bolster has joined the ranks of our polo players by the purchase of a fine pony, like "Grey Dolphin," all "blood and bone."

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Mr. Foster has kindly given us two photographs of gharial, which he shot about three weeks ago. One of the gharial removed part of a finger from his shikari during an endeavour to open its jaws, but that is another story, so we will not trespass on his preserves.

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The Officers had a famous battue of pigeons in the environs of Kasur City two days ago, and a bag of 58 was obtained. The shoot would have been enjoyed much more by all if the Director of Hygiene of the Punjab could have visited Kasur some ten years ago.

We return to Lahore on 20th December, but find ourselves back in Kasur again for Brigade Training on 4th January; and we are fortunate in having been allotted the same camp site, now that we have been to such trouble to construct our elaborate drainage system.

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Next month we trust to be able to record our experiences during Christmas week in Lahore, which, by the way, is to be transformed into an armed camp during the Season of Goodwill, owing to the meeting of the Indian National Congress. The order of the day will read "Mills' bombs for misletoe and bayonets for berries."

Novices' Boxing.

During Battalion Camp at Kaşur, a Novices' Boxing Competition was held.

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The Tournament lasted two days, the 16th and 17th December, and though the competitors in many cases showed lack of training, yet there were many good fights.

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The Novices were as usual divided into two classes: Class "A," those who had never won their weight in a novices' tournament, and Class "B," those who had won a novices' weight, but no other.

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A popular innovation was the inter-Platoon "Mill" Competition, for which there were four entries. This consists of teams of five, each member of whom fights his opposite member for one minute, at the conclusion of which the next

COMPANY LINES, KASUR CAMP.

pair dart into the ring. It is a most amusing form of entertainment—for the spectators.

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The Competition was won by a Platoon of the Machine Gun Company.

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The draw and results were as follows :—

Light-Weights—Class "A."

Fus. Augustion ("D," M.G.) Bye — Fus. Augustion
Fus. Smart ("B") Bye — Fus. Smart
→ Fus. Smart
Fus. Hadaway ("D," M.G.) Bye — Fus. Hadaway
Fus. Taylor ("C") Bye — Fus. Taylor
→ Fus. Taylor
→ Fus. Taylor
Fus. Turner ("A") / Fus. Hawthorne ("A") → Fus. Hawthorne
Fus. Scorer ("B") / Fus. Davis ("B") → Fus. Davis
→ Fus. Hawthorne
Fus. Parker ("A") / Fus. Cullen ("D," M.G.) → Fus. Parker
Fus. Parks ("B") / Fus. Knox ("B") → Fus. Knox
→ Fus. Parker
→ Fus. Hawthorne

Final—Fus. Hawthorne

Feather-Weights -Class "A."

Lce.-Cpl. Wilson (H.Q.) / Fus. Richards ("B") → Lce.-Cpl. Wilson
Fus. Quinn ("A") / Fus. Prinn ("B") → Fus. Quinn
→ Lce.-Cpl. Wilson

Light Heavy-Weights—Class "A."

Fus. Johnstone ("D," M.G.) Bye — Fus. Johnstone
Fus. Atkinson ("B") / Fus. Overend ("B") → Fus. Atkinson
→ Fus. Johnstone

Middle-Weights Class "A."

Fus. Noddings ("B") Bye — Fus. Noddings
Fus. Penniston ("B") / Fus. Oliphant ("B") → Fus. Oliphant
→ Fus. Oliphant

Welter-Weights—Class "A."

Fus. Clarke ("B") Bye — Fus. Clarke
Lce.-Cpl. Chesters (H.Q.) Bye — Lce.-Cpl. Chesters
→ Clarke
Fus. Livermore ("B") Bye — Fus. Livermore
Fus. Fenwick ("A") Bye — Fus. Fenwick
→ Fenwick
→ Fenwick
Fus. Turner ("B") Bye — Fus. Turner
A/Drmr. Stockton ("C") Bye — A/Drmr. Stockton
→ Stockton
Fus. Threadkell ("B") / Fus. Dockerty ("D," M.G.) → Fus. Dockerty
Fus. Crozier ("B") / Fus. Hodgson ("B") → Fus. Crozier
→ Dockerty
→ Dockerty

Final Fus. Fenwick

Middle-Weights Class "B."

Cpl. Shotton ("B") / Fus. Black ("D," M.G.) → Cpl. Shotton

Welter-Weights—Class "B."

Fus. Leech ("D," M.G.) Bye — Fus. Leech
Fus. Woodhouse ("B") / Fus. Clarke ("B") → Fus. Clarke
→ Fus. Leech

Light Weights -Class "B."

Fus. Donaghy ("B") Bye — Fus. Donaghy
Fus. Smith ("A") Bye — Fus. Smith
→ Donaghy
Drmr. DeCosta ("A") Bye — Drmr. DeCosta
L Cpl. King ("D," M.G.) / Fus. Dowdell ("B") → L Cpl. King
→ King
→ Donaghy

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In addition to the above weights, there were three contests, all of which showed a high standard of boxing :—

Feather-Weight Contest. Fus. Seymour beat Fus. Dowdell.
Welter-Weight Contest.— Fus. McKie beat Fus. Wright.
Feather-Weight Contest.—Fus. Cornforth beat Fus. Ridley.

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The officials throughout the Tournament were :—

Referee.—Mr. K. O. N. Foster.
Judges.—Mr. G. C. Humphreys, Mr. P. H. Earle, Mr. G. H. Bolster, Mr. V. R. M. Clifford, and Mr. R. H. Hobbs.
Timekeeper. Mr. C. J. Bradford.
M.C.—R.S.M. D. V. Redhead.

Extracts from Part II. Orders.

Appointments.

4382121 Lce.-Cpl. F. Bloomfield, "A" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Cpl. with effect from 8/11/29.

4262369 Lce.-Cpl. T. Addison, H.Q. Wing, appointed paid Lce.-Cpl. with effect from 17/11/29.

4262506 Lce.-Cpl. D. Moffitt, "C" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 1/12/29.

4264370 Lce.-Cpl. R. Arrowsmith, M.G. Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 1/12/29.

4257136 Sjt. E. Springate, H.Q. Wing, promoted Colour-Serjeant and appointed Company-Quartermaster-Serjeant with effect from 15/11/29.

4256942 Lce.-Sjt. H. Bosworth, H.Q. Wing, promoted Serjeant with effect from 15/11/29.

4261877 Lce.-Sjt. J. Young, "A" Coy., promoted Serjeant with effect from 11/11/29.

4256860 Cpl. J. Stephenson, "B" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Serjeant with effect from 15/11/29.

4257184 Cpl. A. Barrett, "A" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Serjeant with effect from 11/11/29.

4264734 Lce.-Cpl. V. Middleton, "A" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 15/11/29.

4262687 Lce.-Cpl. G. Rutter, "B" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

4262788 Lce.-Cpl. W. Scott, "C" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 15/11/29.

4265325 Lce.-Cpl. G. Aikenhead, "A" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

4264805 Lce.-Cpl. J. Atkinson, "C" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

4264159 Lce.-Cpl. F. Loughlin, M.G. Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

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4262481 Lce.-Cpl. W. Gillon, "C" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

4262481 Lce.-Cpl. L. Cooke, "C" Coy., promoted Corporal with effect from 11/12/29.

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Continuance in the Service.

4257360 S'Sjt.-Instr. E. Keith, continuance in the Service beyond 21 years (Auth. AFB. 136, dated 21/12/28).

Serjeants' Mess.

Kasur Camp,

December, 1929.

At one time, if you wanted to read something interesting you had only to pick up *St. George's Gazette*; but now that shilling weeklies show works of art, and people have learned how to read, they seem to much prefer those coloured books which arrive on Sundays with that hot coloured paper—you know, a pink 'un. Of course it is only the works of *art* they want to study.

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There was one grey haired old gentleman in the Mess, the other day, who studied a work of art for quite a long time, then suddenly deemed it necessary to don his glasses—circular horn rimmed, Yank pattern—so as to read the footnotes; at least his windows were directed at that place, but we are almost sure he prefers to look over the top to save wearing them out. Of course, finally he did read the remaining pages in the book, even though that work of *art* fascinated him and he had to keep turning back the pages to re-continue his study.

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Another grey haired old soldier, in company with one named "Charlie" (one of those tall, dark, handsome individuals), went to the Artillery Mess the other night on the latter's bus, to fix up a billiard tournament—so they told us—and when they were coming back the old soldier forgot he was pillion riding and thought it about time he did a little guiding—result,

GUARD TENT, KASUR CAMP.

lost balance—stones—crash—and when Charlie's bike buck-jumped it woke the dead—at least we were almost dead, being buried in the aforementioned works of art.

They must have gone to fix the tourney up all right, for a few nights afterwards a bus arrived outside the Mess containing

COOKHOUSE, KASUR CAMP.

those mounted warriors, with wives and champions. We would have beaten them, too, if our leader had been lighter.

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One cannot always remain single, so C.S.M. C. Dalby married Miss Jessie Mathilda Ritchie, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Thursday, the 5th December. We are all hoping that his married life is going to be like the end of a fairy tale, and we are sure it will be.

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Thursday, the 5th, was a happy day, but Friday, the 6th—sort out your holdall and housewives—don your greased boots and Jock puttees to march—one must keep fit somehow, and everyone looks forward to camp life; but it was easy marching, only 13 miles to Kana Katcha, and what was there to grumble about when our old friend Sandal, the Contractor, had the curry and rice ready, followed by a jolly fine tuck-in. Also he did not forget to make a real feed for dinner. We give him full points for his catering.

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Even Sjt. Leeder (Bustie) marched the whole nineteen miles next day, from Kana Katcha to the camp at Kasur, and not one of us could chaff him for wobbling into camp, for we feel sure that we were all wobbling too, and who was not pleased that the next day was a holiday?

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As usual in all camps, it rained, at night time, too. We are sure now that tents were only made to shade us from the sun, and not from rain, and still more sure that the Drum-Major was delighted when one of his Drummers came to the Mess to tell him that his bed was floating. But these things will happen, and the married men managed to remain in camp a whole week without going back to Lahore, which they all did at the week-end.

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The R.S.M. also went into Lahore to meet C.S.M. Curtis and wife, who have come to join us and help to make up the happy throng. We are all looking forward to the time when we march into Lahore to meet him. Until then we can assure him of a warm welcome and a happy tour.

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Before closing we must not forget to congratulate the undermentioned on their promotion :—

C.S.M. Davis to Orderly Room Quartermaster-Serjeant.
C.Q.M.S. Parkins to C.S.M.
Sjt. Springate to C.Q.M.S.
Lce.-Sjt. Bosworth to Serjeant Master Cook.
Lce.-Sjt. Young to Serjeant.
Cpl. Stephenson to Lance-Serjeant.
Cpl. Barrett to Lance-Serjeant.

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We also congratulate C.Q.M.S. Hamilton for being presented with a daughter, and Sjt. Doy for being presented with a boy.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
January, 1930.

IN continuation of our notes of last month, we wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, Christmas cards received from the following : —Lieut.-Col. R. V. Turner and Officers 2nd Bn. D.L.I. ; The Chief Constable, Officers and Constables, Newcastle-on-Tyne City Police ; Lieut.-Col. H. E. Stanley Murray and Officers, 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regiment ; The Officers, The Northumberland Hussars ; Lieut.-Col. G. E. G. Blunt and Officers, R.A.S.C., Catterick ; Mr. W. N. C. Crawhall ; Major R. M. Sherbrooke and Officers, Depôt Sherwood Foresters ; Commandant and Officers, S.T.C. ; Capt. P. Jennings, R.C.O.S. ; Lieut.-Col. Platt ; Capt. D. Way ; The Master, Newcastle and District Beagles ; Tyne Division, R.N.V.R. ; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Greenwell ; The Lord and Lady Mayoress, Newcastle-on-Tyne ; Lieut.-Col. O. B. Foster and Officers, 2nd B.N. 5th Fusiliers ; Major and Mrs. Stephen ; Capt. J. O. Byrne ; Lieut.-Col. T. H. Owen ; Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson and Officers, 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers ; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Landen ; Capt. B. R. Newstead ; Capt. R. Trenam ; Major F. C. Prickett ; Mr. R. C. Stockley ; Brigadier H. R. Sandilands ; Col. and Mrs. Heard ; Lieut.-Col. Athill ; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. R. M. Lamb ; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Bett ; Major D. L. Brereton ; Capt. and Mrs. Buckley ; Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam ; Lieut.-Col. Hon. H. B. Robson and Officers, 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers ; Mr. B. T. G. Pringle ; Col. and Mrs. Gordon ; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Neilson and Officers, 1st Bn. Northumberland Regiment ; Lieut.-Col. Stanbury and Officers, Elgin Regiment (by cable) ; Rev. R. O. Hall ; Major H. de Hoghton and Officers, Depôt K.O.Y.L.I.

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The following letter has been received :—

DEAR SIR,

Will you kindly convey to all ranks at the Depôt my grateful thanks for the excellent gift to hand of Cecil Aldin's fine book on our Cathedrals and Abbeys. I much appreciate the spirit of the gift, and feel greatly indebted to you all. I enclose a blotter calendar of the Cathedral and also a photograph I took of the Regular and Service Battalions' Colours when laid up in the Cathedral on 24th July 1920. (These Colours now hang in the North Aisle and Porch of the Cathedral).

Again thanking you all,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
R. THOMPSON,
Senior Verger.

The Blotter and Calendar have been placed in the Recreation Room.

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August Squad were drafted to the 1st Battalion on 7th January, 1930. The Squad (strength 26) was conducted by Sjt. Lawless. We now only have one squad (November Squad, strength 37). Another squad is in the process of being formed, but recruits are only coming in very slowly. They are arriving at the rate of about one every other day! However, two squads are to be recruited for us next month.

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C.Q.M.S. Avison has carried out a week's attachment to the Regimental Paymaster at York, where he underwent instruction in the intracices of the London System of Accounting.

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A Draft of 37 Other Ranks, for transfer to the reserve or discharge, arrived from the 2nd Battalion on 11th January, 1930, and were disposed of on the following day.

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The following Territorial Courses have been held:—

Advanced Machine Gun.—Students, 4th Battalion (7) ; 7th Battalion (8).

Platoon Serjeants, No. 1 Course.—Students, 4th Battalion (10) ; 5th Battalion (5) ; 6th Battalion (10) ; 7th Battalion (4).

Recruits, Machine Gun.—Students, 4th Battalion (9) ; 7th Battalion (6) ; Durham O.C.O.T.C., Sjt. Finnamore.

Platoon Serjeants, No. 2 Course.—Students, 4th Battalion (8).

Section Leaders, No. 1 Course.—Students, 4th Battalion (12) ; 5th Battalion (3) ; 7th Battalion (12).

Section Leaders, No. 2 Course.—Students, 4th Battalion (11) ; 7th Battalion (11).

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The Instructors for the Machine Gun Course were Sjt. Moore, D.C.M., Lce.-Sjt. Forrester, Cpl. Waterhouse and Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale of the 1st Battalion.

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Col. W. St. A. Walde-Aldam, D.S.O., has paid two visits to these Courses. On the first occasion he was accompanied by Col. Hon. C. M. Hore Ruthven, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commander 151st (D.L.I.) Brigade).

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Mr. E. B. L. Hart, who is about to join the 7th Battalion, has carried out a fortnight's attachment to the Depôt.

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Capt. Trenam embarked on the 20th January to join the 2nd Battalion. We wish him a pleasant voyage.

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Below we give an account of Mr. Crawhall's wedding (taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal and North Star* of the 15th January). The Regiment were represented by Mrs. Powell, Capt. Newstead, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Mr. Collingwood :—

" St. George's Church, Jesmond, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when Miss Eileen Reid, only daughter of Mrs. Lena Reid, Newcastle, was married to Mr. Norman Crawhall (Northumberland Fusiliers), third son of Canon and Mrs. Crawhall, Alnwick.

" The officiating clergy were Bishop Wood and Canon Crawhall, father of the bridegroom.

" The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Brian Ingleby Reid, presented a charming picture in a dress of parch-

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ment panne velvet. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and lilies of the valley.

"The bridesmaids, Miss Olive Crawhall, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss B. L'Estrange Burges were daintily gowned in delphinium blue satin beauté. Miss Josephine Rea (cousin of the bride) who carried the train, was dainty in a replica of the bridesmaids' dresses.

"Mr. James Kilgour (Northumberland Fusiliers) of Andover, Hampshire, was the best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. George Crawhall (brother of the bridegroom) and Mr. Ralph Richmond.

"A reception was held at the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, and later Mr. and Mrs. Norman Crawhall left by car for the South."

Capt. J. H. Maynard.

This month we lose an old and valued friend of the Regiment.

CAPTAIN J. H. MAYNARD.
(Photo by E. W. Gosman—Copyright.)

Captain and Quartermaster J. H. Maynard has retired after 29 years' service with the FIFTH.

Jim Maynard will be remembered by all who knew him as a good Quartermaster, a good sportsman, and one of the most hospitable and best of friends; and Mrs. Maynard will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She will be especially missed by the married families, who always greatly appreciated her willingness to help or give advice in any circumstances that arose.

Jim and Mrs. Maynard have taken the Station Hotel, Horsell, near Woking, and knowing Jim's hospitality and Mrs. Maynard's ability as a manager and caterer, any who visit them are sure of a very pleasant and comfortable stay. We wish them every success and happiness in their new enterprise.

Jim Maynard enlisted at Sheffield on 28th February, 1901, and after serving at home for two years he went to Nigeria as a Corporal in 1905.

He saw Active Service in the Satiru Campaign in N. Nigeria in 1906, and gained the African G.S. Medal and Clasp, and being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his services during that Campaign, in the course of which he was mentioned in despatches, 2nd July, 1907.

He returned to the 2nd Battalion at Dover in 1907, and later sailed with the 2nd Battalion for India. He returned with the 2nd Battalion to England in 1914, and proceeded to France with it on 15th January, 1915. During the Great War Capt. Maynard served in France, Egypt and Macedonia, and rose to the rank of Regimental-Serjeant-Major, being mentioned in despatches, 25th September, 1916.

He gained the three War Medals and was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in August, 1918.

At the end of the War the Battalion returned to England to reorganize, and Jim was promoted Lieutenant and Quartermaster, 19th April, 1919.

As Quartermaster he accompanied the Battalion to Mesopotamia, and saw active service in the Arab Rebellion, being awarded the Iraq Medal and Clasp.

He accompanied the 2nd Battalion to India in February, 1921, and served with them until he was posted to the Depôt on 29th January, 1928, after 20 years continuous service with the same Battalion.

He was promoted Captain in 1927 while still serving in Nowshera. He retired on the 6th January, 1930, and leaves a gap that it will be very hard to fill.

Extracts from Depôt Orders.

Education.—The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 28th November, 1929:—

4267235 Fus. N. Ardle.	4267213 Fus. R. Barker.
4267228 Fus. J. Bell.	4267212 Fus. A. Brown.
4267225 Fus. J. C. Brown.	4267219 Fus. M. Flynn.
4267227 Fus. T. Hamilton.	4267232 Fus. K. Jones.
4267222 Fus. P. Keegan.	4267230 Fus. N. Little.
4267229 Fus. J. Froud.	4266862 Fus. R. Riley.
4267224 Fus. D. Tinnion.	

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Postings.—No. 4256466 Sjt. J. L. Chapman reposted to 1st Battalion, 14/1/30; No. 4265514 Lce.-Cpl. C. R. Ward posted for Tour of Duty at Depôt, 18/1/30.

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Strength.—Depôt Staff 68, Recruits 50.

Recruits enlisted during Quarter.

Total number of Enlistments, 41.

Enlisted at:—Newcastle-on-Tyne, 16; Durham, 13; Middlesborough, 8; Bishop Auckland, 3; Glasgow, 1.

Trades on Enlistment:—Miners, 11; Labourers, 14; Acetylene Burner, 1; Hairdresser, 1; Cartman, 1; Motor Driver, 1; Horse Driver, 1; Groom, 1; Farm Hand, 1; Hawkers, 2; Machinist, 1; Boot Repairer, 1; Grocer, 1; French Polisher, 1; Fitter, 1; Butcher, 1; Moulder, 1.

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn,
January, 1930.

JANUARY has been a little more active than usual up to time of writing, but even so, boxing has predominated, and one is just a little afraid of harping too much on pugilistic lines in these notes. No doubt we love to read about ourselves each month, but we hope that others also may be interested in our notes and they may be a trifle bored. Anyway here goes, and trust to luck and readers' tolerance.

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To commence with, as has been previously stated, our "Boxing Wednesdays" are quite a success from certain angles—in other words, we can get plenty of people to box, but they are unfortunately :—

(*a*) good civilian boxers, who don't want to join the T.A. ;
(*b*) good civilian boxers whom the M.O. won't allow to join the T.A. ; or
(*c*) good civilian boxers who are still school children and therefore not able to join the T.A.

Add to this the distressing news that T.A. soldiers of Newburn definitely will not box, and further, that if they did want to do so we are not quite sure that we could teach them, but supposing that we *could* teach them they might resign from the T.A. if we insisted on teaching them, and furthermore we have a nice trophy to offer and nobody seems 100 per cent. on the scent, and anyhow—oh! botheration, our poor Adjutant has got his finger nails bitten to the roots and everyone knows how sore these things are.

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Anyway, if you can sustain a little more boxing news just hang on, and here is a description of a typical Newburn "Boxing Wednesday" :—

The Drill Hall is brilliantly lighted with 300 watt. Pearl Osram lamps, the floor is nice and clean, benches are assembled round our wonderful "ring," and there are two handy chairs for seconds, armchairs for officials, and plenty of sawdust for the pursuance of equilibrium in the combatants (hope is manifest).

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The R.S.M. leaves the Serjeants' Mess wiping lips with sleeve, carrying large boxing gloves and a timekeeping watch, together with one white sash and one red sash. R.S.M. clears throat and orders double entrance doors to be flung open ; noise off, and "Aye, aye, Sir!" proclaims implicit obedience.

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R.S.M. is joined by C.S.M. Locke, and they both stroll nonchalantly to wide-open double entrance doors and pretend to look outside to see what sort of weather is outside.

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C.S.M. looks sideways at R.S.M.

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R.S.M. pretends not to notice. Not a soul in sight. R.S.M. *plus* C.S.M. adjourn to Mess and have "another."

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Eventually issue forth again and find a group of urchins without, gazing longingly within, whereas gruff order is given and urchins disperse temporarily.

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From without a chutting noise like an Adjutant's car is heard—pause. Yes, it is the Adjutant's car.

Adjutant enters indifferently, murmurs "Good evening," and hides in Orderly Room. No signs of T.A. boxers.

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Two hours later. Drill hall completely packed with strange gentlemen wearing mufflers. R.S.M. tries to pretend that they are T.A. boxers in mufti.

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R.S.M. orders silence and asks for volunteers :—"Would any soldier like to try on gloves." Crowd shudder. Adjutant coughs and adjusts watch, casts gloves into ring and adopts striking attitude near gong. Still no response. C.S.M. Locke reads aloud details of future boxing tournaments (T.A. only). Again crowd shudders.

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Perceptible awkward silence. Adjutant coughs.

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Crowd getting restless. Still no soldiers in sight.

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Further awkward period of silence.

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There is a perceptible movement in crowd. Eyes of T.A. Staff alert. Movement more localized. Eyes of T.A. Staff rigidly fixed. Crowd is giving way slightly as if to allow pathway. R.S.M. gulps loudly. Adjutant breathes hard. Is the crowd parting ? Yes it is. Does someone intend to box ?

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With a tremendous roar of victory the entire T.A. personnel, consisting of the Adjutant, R.S.M., C.S.M., Orderly Room, Transport, and other Serjeants, aided and abetted by divers other helpers and one or two camp followers, make a swoop into the N.E. corner of the crowd, and to the frantic cheering of the onlookers a brace of urchins is brought forth, who state their combined intention of wiping off an old family feud in the holy environment of "The Ring."

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The crowd goes mad with delight. The Adjutant sheds tears of joy, and with trembling fingers thrusts the gloves forward. The R.S.M., with a fervent prayer of thanks on his lips, hurriedly adjusts gloves on combatants, who are tightly held by T.A. Staff.

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A typical "Boxing Wednesday" has commenced.

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From this description of our "Boxing," it is an easy step to pass on to the more happy subject of the Serjeants' Mess Ball. This was a thoroughly good affair, under the stern jurisdiction of C.S.M. Locke and Sjt. Turner, who were most excellent M.C.'s.

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It was evident that C.S.M. Stuart thoroughly enjoyed the position of Past President, and was thus able to watch other people work with great satisfaction.

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Captain and Mrs. Fryer, Captain Gibson, Mr. Neville, Mr. Davidson and Miss Davidson were present, and from later accounts they danced in the New Year with great animation.

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We are still having great difficulty in coercing N.C.O.'s to proceed on Courses. One reason is that six days' pay, which is twelve shillings, does not equal one week's dole of eighteen

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shillings, irrespective of the fact that one week's rations for one big T.A. soldier costs far more than the apparent shortage of six shillings. It is hoped that troops will ponder over this.

Serjeants' Mess.

Newburn-on-Tyne.

We held a Ball on New Year's Eve, and it was a huge success. Most of the Officers and their lady friends attended. At midnight there was a great gathering of the "Clans." "Auld Lang-Syne" was sung. Mr. Neville wished us all a prosperous New Year, on behalf of the Officers, and a wonderful night ended at 2 a.m. The music by Newbitt's Jazz Band.

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On New Year's Night an impromptu Concert was held in the Mess, and most of our friends from the Club were present, and we enjoyed a very good night.

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During the month, Sjts. Pony, Moore and Chapman paid us a visit, and we were very pleased to see them, and to hear "The Fly," etc., once more—they no doubt have got their A.B.C. off by now.

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A series of Courses are being held at the Regimental Depôt, and most of the members are taking the opportunity to bring themselves up to the scratch.

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A Billiard Tournament was held during the month; herewith results, which speak for themselves:—

Sjt. J. Bell	100	Sjt. P. Downie	82
C.S.M. Mitchinson	90	Sjt. Turner	100
Mr. Freeborn	w.o.	Mr. R. Elliott	scratched
Mr. E. Brown	100	Sjt. T. Kelly	87
Mr. J. Brown	w.o.	C.S.M. T. Brown	scratched
Major W. Watson	100	C.Q.M.S. Cowans	91
R.S.M. G. Newton	100	Mr. J. Turnbull	90
C.S.M. Locke	92	Mr. J. Downie	100
Mr. J. Rowell	100	Mr. J. Laverick	69
Sjt. S. Veitch	100	C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	94

Byes.

Mr. J. Morris	40	Mr. R. Relph	20
Sjt. McHugh	50	Mr. L. Storey	20
Mr. G. Nelson	15	Serjeants' Mess	10

2nd Round.

R.S.M. G. Newton	100	Mr. J. Rowell	81
Sjts.' Mess (C.S.M. Locke)	100	Mr. F. Freeborn	96
R. Relph	100	Sjt. Turner	76
Mr. G. Nelson	100	Mr. J. Brown	99
Mr. N. Brown	100	Mr. J. Downie	95
Sjt. McHugh	100	Sjt. J. Bell	87
Major W. Watson	100	Mr. L. Storey	76
Sjt. Veitch	100	Mr. J. Morris	80

3rd Round.

Mr. G. Nelson	100	Sjt. Veitch	82
R.S.M. G. Newton	100	Sjts.' Mess (C.S.M. Locke)	71
Mr. G. Nelson	100	Sjt. Veitch	82
Mr. N. Brown	100	Mr. R. Relph	62
Sjt. McHugh	100	Major W. Watson	61

Semi-Finals.

R.S.M. G. Newton	100	Mr. G. Nelson	38
Sjt. McHugh	100	Mr. N. Brown	98

Final.

R.S.M. G. Newton	100	Sjt. McHugh	82

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Congratulations to the R.S.M. on his splendid victory, and his winning stroke crowned him with glory.

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Sjt. McHugh put up a gallant fight, but, like Easter Hero, carried too much weight.

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Ere these notes are in print, our R.S.M. will only have a short time to spend with us, which is very much regretted, but I will deal with this in my next month's notes.

M.G.

Corporals' Club.

On the night of the 23rd we visited our friends the "Artillery" (the 23rd Brigade), and played them at billiards and football. We won the football, but they managed to beat us at billiards we think this was because they are more familiar with the table and their *refreshments* than our team.

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One cannot say much about the football, ours was a far superior team. Clayton opened the scoring with a terrific drive from ten yards range; the goalkeeper confessed afterwards that he never saw the ball go through, but he felt cold with the consequent rush of air. Play was chiefly confined to their half, and the final score was 6—0 in our favour.

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Scores:—Clayton (4), Lench (2). Lench scoring one by taking a penalty.

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The team was as follows:—

Lce.-Cpl. Green.
Cpl. Ferguson. Lce.-Cpl. Rodgers.
Cpl. McGuire. Lce.-Cpl. Earp. Cpl. Stephenson.
Lce.-Cpl. Evans. Lce.-Cpl. Wilson. Lce.-Cpl. Galloway.
Lce.-Cpl. Clayton. Lce.-Cpl. Lench.

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Heard on the touch-line:—

1st NORTHENER: "Gor blimey! wots this? This your Battalion team?"

2nd NORTHENER: "No, just a few skytes."

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The Billiard team and result as under:—

ARTILLERY.		FUSILIERS.	
Bdr. Ralphston	75	Cpl. Ferguson	49
Bdr. Robbins	31	Cpl. McGuire	75
Bdr. Warren	75*	Cpl. Higgins	65
Bdr. Hawker	75	Cpl. Stephenson	49
Bdr. Nutman	75	Cpl. Pumfrey	61
Bdr. Golding	46	Cpl. Palmer	75
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* Biggest break 35.

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After this the two worst players played a game 15 up; we were represented by Lce.-Cpl. Allen, and the game caused a lot of fun, everyone crowded around the table to the exclusion of the players who had to squeeze in to take a shot, and all one could see was a sea of flushed faces lined round the table.

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Every time our man scored there were loud cheering and remarks like the following:—

"I'll take old Bill, what about a chip on him?"

"Oh! good shot, Bill boy, where did you learn that one?"

"Bet anyone char anna."

"Oh! lovely, Bill, chuck that red out of the bottom bag."

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Result: Allen 15, —? 12.

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Our star performer had four char anna bets on our man and lost a rupee on the deal as he could not remember with whom the bets were laid, and as none of our friends would own up, we record it as an unsolved mystery.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
January, 1930.

ON behalf of the 5th Battalion, the 5th Battalion Correspondent wishes the Editor a happy and prosperous New Year.

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The Xmas festivities for 1929 are now at an end, and most of us are now looking forward to the coming year and to what it has in store for us.

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For T.A. Battalions it is to be a year of reorganization and other changes, for most of which preparations have been made during the past year. No doubt the effect of these changes will be seen during Annual Camp in 1930, and most of us are looking forward with increased zest and interest to the tactical employment of the M.G. Company (of the one-man-and-a-flag variety), except harassed M.G. Commanders, who are dreaming o' nights about the "backward rotation of the crank handle," etc.

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We are fortunate as a Battalion this year in possessing first-hand knowledge of what is required of the T.A. in 1930. We greatly appreciate the tribute accorded to the Battalion by higher authority in selecting our C.O., Lieut.-Col. Anderson, as the representative of the T.A. in the Northern Command at a Conference which was held at Camberley on the 14 15th January, 1930. This Conference was called to discuss the training of the T.A. during 1930, and was attended by various Directors and Staff Officers from the War Office and one T.A. representative from each Command.

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From what we hear, some candid opinions of the T.A. in the North were passed, all of them favourable.

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Apparently all our work this year is to turn on the use of the M.G.'s and no doubt countless "Brass" Hats from London will be buzzing round us to see how we manipulate these weird machines.

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So much we can tell everyone free of charge. Anyone requiring further advice can have same on the usual professional terms.

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Our Annual Xmas Toy Distribution to the children of the Battalion was held a little later last year—on the Saturday after Christmas. Here the efforts of the Women's Guild were in full view. The array of toys seems to grow more imposing each year. There was a goodly muster of members of the Battalion, with their wives and kiddies. Father Christmas, in the person of Fus. Maw, was a huge success. Colonel Anderson extended seasonable greetings to all present, and mentioned the hope that Annual Camp would find the Battalion at full strength. The success of this event is to be credited to the Women's Guild, which, under the presidency of Mrs. Anderson, had been working hard of late weeks.

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We take off our hats to the ladies.

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In our November notes we announced that His Majesty had been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon Captain W. H. Leete, D.F.C.

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Capt. Leete, who is our senior Captain, joined the Battalion in 1913. He served with the Battalion all during the War, except for a period in the R.A.F., or A.F.C. as it was then termed. During this period he was awarded the D.F.C. for Meritorious Service. After the Armistice, when Headquarters were again established at Walker, he returned as a Company Commander.

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We congratulate Capt. Leete on his added distinction and honour, and hope that it does not make him feel one bit a "greybeard."

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 552 Other Ranks.

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On the 13th December last, "D" Company held a Boxing Tournament at Gosforth. There was a good attendance, and some good bouts were seen. A distinct improvement on a former occasion was noticeable in some of the competitors. We regret the Boxing results and news is held up until next month, owing to the Boxing Correspondent not being able to remember the correct number, rank and name of "Spud" and "Mike."

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A mysterious communication was received of late by certain Officers of the Battalion. On opening it, it was found to be a "School Solution" of the Divisional Tactical Exercise which was held at Morpeth on the 18th and 19th October last, and at which each Syndicate had to submit a written solution.

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We deny the suggestion of a certain Subaltern with a perverted sense of humour that this explains why the Officers' solutions had to be in writing.

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We acknowledge with thanks seasonable greetings from the following:—G.O.C. and Staff, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 4th, 6th

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and 7th Battalions, Tyne Div. R.N.V.R., Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. E. Riddell, Lt.-Col. W. W. Tasker and Officers 50th Divisional R.E.'s, 149th Field Brigade R.A., 72nd (Northumbrian) Field Brigade R.A., Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, The Depôt, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, 50th Divisional Train, R.A.S.C., Tyne Electrical Engineers T.A., Lt.-Col. Athill, Major H. Shield, R.A.M.C., Capt. N. Heslop, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rooksby, the W.O.'s and Serjeants 5th Battalion, and the Corporals' Club 1/2nd Battalion.

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Permanent Staff Instr. Sjt. B. Hurt, of the Gosforth Detachment, had been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. We congratulate Sjt. Hurt on his accession to the ranks of the " Rooty Wallahs," to which august body we have no doubt he will become a pillar of strength.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
January, 1930.

OUR first duty this month is to tender our respectful good wishes and hearty congratulations to Mrs. Wilkinson and our Commanding Officer on the arrival of the " Young Fusilier." May he, in years to come, make his voice echo in our Drill Hall.

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On Saturday, the 4th January, the Serjeants held their Annual Tea and Entertainment for the benefit of their children, an Entertainment in which the Serjeants' wives are also included, there being, of course, limits to the authority which even a Serjeant can show, and without his wife his young would be completely out of hand.

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The afternoon passed off exceedingly well, and it was good to see so many of our serving Serjeants present, all helping to give the children as good a time as possible.

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We are much obliged to the Ladies' Committee for working so hard in the matter, and thanks to them the proceedings passed off without any trouble at all. The Proprietors of Chapman's Circus, at present performing in our Drill Hall, also deserve thanks for throwing their performance open to the children after the Tea.

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The lions in the Drill Hall apparently got rather bored with their performance behind iron bars, and one or two appeared to have tried to find their way out to the Men's Canteen. It was after closing hours, and no harm was done to the Stores of the Regimental Club, but considerable alarm was undoubtedly caused to those who happened to be there.

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The Management of the Circus were loud in their praise of the conduct of R.S.M. O'Hara, Serjeant-Major Holmes and Serjeant Potts for the assistance they gave in persuading the lions to return to their caravan.

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Speaking generally, the winter has been rather dull from a social point of view, so far as the Officers' Mess is concerned. The Subalterns' Union are all playing Rugger so intently, that no hint comes forward of any impending engagement. Perhaps with the advent of spring—but who knows ?

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We are all intent upon the forthcoming Boxing Contest with our 1st Battalion, and all friends and followers are reminded of this great event that is due to take place on Saturday, the 8th February, at 9 p.m. Those in uniform will be admitted free, others will probably be asked to pay, except members of the Old Comrades' Association, who must show their badges. Supporters please note.

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The Regimental Club flourishes well, and is much patronized. We can still do with novels and illustrated magazines, and will anyone who has this type of literature to spare please communicate with our Quartermaster, or Serjeant Crowdy, at the Club.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
24th January, 1930.

WE wish once more to thank all those who so kindly sent us cards and greetings at the recent Festive Season. We received cards from the following:—The Duke of Northumberland, G.O.C. and Staff, 50th Division, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Riddell, Lieut.-Col. Athill, Officers 1st Battalion, Lieut.-Col. O. B. Forster and Officers 2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas and Officers 4th Battalion, Officers 5th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. G. E Wilkinson and Officers 6th Battalion, Major W. E. Walker and Officers 72nd (Northumbrian) Field Brigade, R.A., Major E. H. E. Woodward and Officers Tyne Electrical Engineers, Officers 50th Division Train, Officers 149th Field Ambulance, Officers Northumberland Hussars.

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All good wishes are heartily reciprocated.

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Congratulations to our new Adjutant, Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, on his promotion to that rank.

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He seems to be beginning his tour of duty by scattering his troops. In other words, during the past few weeks we have had quite a host of men at the Regimental Depôt undergoing various Courses of Instructions.

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The Machine Gun (" D ") Company seems to have done best, as from the 6th to the 11th January, eight N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers had an Advanced Course, while a similar number underwent a Recruits' Course from the 13th to the 18th.

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There was a Course for Platoon Serjeants attended by the following :—Sjt. Costello, " A " Coy. ; Sjt.Tinkler, " B " Coy. ; Sjt. Welsh, " C " Coy. ; Sjt. Rutherford, " D " Coy., from 6th to 11th January ; and two Section Leaders' Courses run from the 13th to 18th, and from the 20th to 25th of this month respectively—each Infantry Company having four representatives on each Course.

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Our information is that all have thoroughly enjoyed themselves ; that the adminstration, and particularly the feeding, was excellent ; and that everyone would like to stay longer.

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Most of those attending these Courses were at Camp at Ripon last summer, where we had the services of Sjt. Marr in our cookhouse, and they have now had a chance of seeing what that Prince of Army Cooks can do when surrounded by the proper paraphernalia and in proper quarters—although all will agree that what he dished up under conditions none too good in Camp takes some beating.

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In addition to these "Away" Courses, "A," "B" and "C" Companies each have an "At Home" Lewis Gun Course running in their own Drill Hall, while at Morpeth there is a thriving Signalling Class in progress (under Sjt. Burns), and a Vickers Gun Course, very well attended, is being held at Chatton, Wooler, and Berwick.

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Each Company is putting in plenty of practice for the Miniature Range Competition, for the Chipchase Cup, to be fired as follows:—"A" Company, 27th January; "B" Company, and "C" Company, 30th January; "D" Company, 29th January; and Headquarters, 28th January. All are trying hard to take the Cup from Headquarters this year, but our H.Q. representative says that body has quite a lot up its collective sleeve. Wait and see.

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Col. Robson has made arrangements with the Northumberland Hussars for our Officers to take part in their Riding Classes at the Depôt from now onwards until April, and our thanks are due both to the C.O. for his efforts and to the Yeomanry for their kind co-operation. May great success crown this undeniably useful arrangement, and let's hope that most of us will be able to avail ourselves of the opportunity offered.

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It is not, when you come to think of it seriously, just exactly the thing for a Field Officer, or a Field Officer elect, or even a mere Machine Gunner to be seen wheeling his charger about the roads and countryside during Camp as if it was a bicycle in a somewhat doubtful state of repair.

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But what can one do? The sort of milk cart-cum-heavy draft animal, or even more obnoxious sort of circus bone-shaker with which the Territorial Army Officer is faced for his fortnight's fun does not exactly lend itself to easy manipulation (I believe this is all wrongly put somehow, but let's persevere), especially if the victim has sat on nothing more exciting than the sort of stool arrangement generally found in a common or garden office for the past fifty weeks. (Those readers that do quite understand what an office stool looks like will find a similar contraption in the "Eldon," or other such places!)

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Thus anything that will tend to make life easier in the way of Equitation is most welcome.

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We only hope we won't knock holes in the ground of the Riding School in our attempts to dismount gracefully at inappropriate moments!

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We believe it would be a great boon if somewhat different plans could be made by Higher Command for the provision of Transport animals throughout the Territorial Army in the training season. When all is said and done—always supposing a mounted Officer is not in the happy position of being able to take his own horse to Camp with him—a Company Commander should be better able to employ his limited time in the saddle in executing his functions—getting about his area at a rapid rate, in a direct line, and without undue danger to his own or anyone else's life or limb—rather than in attempting the seemingly impossible in reducing his fiery (or otherwise) steed to a state of impotence, or in some way bringing it into line.

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Also there are more certain ways of getting the Lewis gun limbers somewhere near the required point (not counting mechanisation) than by attaching two or more kicking, unmatched and (in most conceivable ways) fearsome contractors' animals to a limber, however good the driver—and some of our drivers are really splendid.

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What would be very nice, and it might even be possible with a little organization, would be for real Army horses to be supplied to us.

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There would be drawbacks, of course, as there always are, even in the nicest plans. Those of us that cannot ride, and such drivers as are not absolutely proficient, would have no excuse in not "getting there," and that might almost cancel the benefits!

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However, having a good transport section (and ours *is* a good section), and given good animals throughout, there is no doubt that the training would be enormously improved.

MARSKE, 1928.

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We reproduce above a photograph of our late Adjutant, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.—taken at Marske Camp, 1928—whom we understand is now on his way to join the 2nd Battalion in India.

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This should have appeared in our last month's notes, but it didn't, and the delay in publication, coupled with the preceding paragraphs, enables it to do double duty.

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First, it shows our old Adjutant. The photographer has been careful not to get too life-like an impression in order that his subject might be done full justice—or at any rate so that anyone looking at it need not get a fright! But it really is Capt. Trenam.

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Secondly, it serves as an illustration of a Charger, contractors' type. This particular one is almost as human as an Adjutant, and it followed its rider all the way from Marske in 1928 to Ripon in 1929. Won't it be vexed to find it will have to swim all the way to India to join him this summer?

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We have heard it variously described as :—

(a) an armchair
(b) a hogsback
(c) a . . . (etcetera),

the truth, of course, being that it is simply a contractors' horse.

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Every picture (properly painted) tells a story, and we glean from this one that the soldier, moving from West to East—R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M., a good soldier, knowing his work—is "lying his yards," stationed at the correct distance left flank, rear, in order to be able to cope with any emergency that might arise. He is ready to dash forward to reinforce, or hurriedly withdraw to a rearward position, as demanded by the situation.

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The horse, at the time of snapping, is slowly moving forward—although it was capable of reversing at a rapid rate; also of moving sidewards, upwards and downwards. Capt. Trenam, having for years been used to nothing but one of the better grades of motor car, never properly mastered the gear box intricacies, and one never knew which way to run to get out of the way.

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We are commencing our Annual Recruiting Drive, and the following Social Functions are scheduled, which we hope will help in increasing our numbers in the various localities :—Dinner and Dance at Chatton, 24th January; Dinner and Dance at Amble, 24th January; Dinner and Dance at Alnwick, 31st January.

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The other areas will be having their "do's" later.

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Each Company is thus doing something to bring all its past and serving members together, and to introduce as much new blood as possible. We hope to go to Camp this year stronger than ever.

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Talking of Camp reminds us that we have been notified that our Annual Training will take place from 22nd June to 6th July, 1930, at Wathgill Camp, Catterick, but we do not claim this as exclusive information, nor even that it is the final word—although these last two or three years there have been fewer false alarms than expected.

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We must just say how very glad we were to see our first post-war Adjutant, Lieut-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., gazetted to the Command of the 1st Battalion the other day, and we hope he will have a successful period in command, and that we will see much of him these next few years.

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Divisional Headquarters have moved from Catterick Camp to Darlington—this move being necessitated by the growth of the "Aldershot of the North," and the settlement there of the 5th Division.

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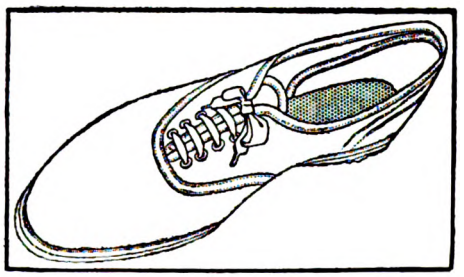

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Mr. R. Leach
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Mr. Charles Sanford
Capt. H. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

After the meeting of the Fusiliers' Aid Society at the United Services Institute, on Thursday, 6th June, 1929, was over, a second meeting, composed of former Commanding Officers and other Officers who had attended the first meeting, was held, and several questions of Regimental interest were discussed. It was agreed that similar meetings should be held in future when necessary, and an agenda circulated at the same time as that of the Aid Society.

Among the questions considered was that of an invitation from the Minister, addressed to the O.C. 1st Battalion, to place the Regimental Crest in one of the windows of the English Church at Amsterdam, in commemoration of the raising of the Regiment in Holland and its many years of service in that country. The meeting recommended that no steps should be taken unless The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who had also been originally raised in Holland, also took part.

On enquiry it was found that The Buffs had already placed a Flag in the Church, with a brass plate recording the reasons for so doing, and that the Royal Warwickshire Regiment had promised to place their Regimental Crest in one of the windows.

The Minister of the English Church apparently assumed from previous correspondence that the FIFTH intended to join with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in placing its Crest in one of the windows, and so informed the British Embassy.

In the second week in October I received a letter from the War Office notifying that H.M. The Queen of the Netherlands had consented to unveil the two memorial windows at a date not yet decided towards the end of November, and asking for an assurance that the window would be ready by that date.

As immediate action was necessary I wrote to the O.C. 1st Battalion, and he arranged with Captain Oakes-Jones for a design of the Regimental Crest to be prepared by the latter, suitable for a stained glass window.

The design submitted was fully approved by both Colonel Herbert and myself, and was sent to the Minister with a request that he would arrange for its manufacture and insertion in the window.

Owing to the nature of ceremony and the functions in connection with it, the number of Regimental representatives had to be limited. I invited the following Officers to represent the Regiment :—Colonel W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O. ; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.—who all readily accepted.

A full account of the ceremony and other details of our visit has been written by one of the party.

It is estimated that the cost of the window will be about £18, and that there will also be the cost of an explanatory brass plate to be fixed on the wall below the window.

I invite past and present members of the Regiment to subscribe to the cost of the window and brass plate, which forms a very interesting reminder to English visitors to Amsterdam of the early history of the Regiment and its connection with William Prince of Orange.

It is hoped the amount required will be over-subscribed, so that the balance can be devoted to the purchase of a salver or other piece of plate suitably inscribed for presentation to the Burgomaster of Amsterdam.

The O.C. Depôt has kindly consented to receive subscriptions. His address is—

The Officer Commanding
Depôt Northumberland Fusiliers,
Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

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A Crocodile Carousal.

IN the Editorial column of last month's *St. George's Gazette*, there appeared a short and somewhat terse account, copied from the *Times* newspaper, of a certain memorable and unique re-union. Brevity in the *Times* is naturally to be expected and commended, but, though the item was supplemented by Mr. Editor's neatly worded felicitations, I felt that the occasion was one upon which fuller details of such a meeting should be made known to the host of readers of this admirable Journal who count those present at it among their friends and comrades in arms.

I was fortunate enough to gain the confidence of one of those little whispering birds, so dear to the heart of the paragraph writers in our cheaper newspapers. In this case it was of course one of those members of the Plover family known to ornithologists as *Pluvianus aegyptius*, which are reputed to obtain a certain amount of nourishment by picking the teeth of Brer Crocodile. This bird was, needless to say, in a position to give me most exclusive information of the doings and sayings of that happy gathering. I have, however, carefully eliminated all reminiscences which might be considered to be on the borderland of libel, slander, or even scandal. The most unimaginative mind cannot fail to conjecture the talks that took place under the hospitable roof of Babworth Hall on New Year's Eve. Remember the occasion—the *Fiftieth* anniversary of the day on which the six septuagenarians (I wonder how many of them could say that when the New Year came in ! !) embarked upon the good ship *Crocodile*, bound for India. Fifty full years had come and gone since all six of them had met together under one roof. How the Babworth rafters stood the strain I don't know ! !

Standing.—Major Harding, Col. Dashwood, Col. Sturges.

Sitting.—Brig.-Gen. Herbert Armstrong, Sir Albert Whitaker, General Lambton.

(*By courtesy of Mr. Howard Barrett, Photographer, Southwell, Notts.*)

Remember the men who formed this goodly company. Firstly the genial host, Colonel Sir Albert Whitaker, and his guests, Brig.-Gen. T. G. Herbert Armstrong, General the Hon. Charles Lambton, Major J. M. Harding, Colonel E. W. Dashwood and Colonel Sturges. No less than four of these commanded Battalions of the FIFTH. All of them were tucked away each on his quiet shelf in 1914, and all of them came back and got into harness again and served their country in Egypt and France. Two had served in the Afghan War of 1879, and most of them had fought in Egypt and South Africa. Apart from War Services, two of them, Lambton and Whitaker had played in the side which won the Infantry Polo Tournament at Hurlingham, while the latter had twice won the Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown in 1891 and 1892.

As to the actual festivities themselves, there was, of course, the combined Anniversary and New Year's Eve dinner, the atmosphere at which can be gauged by the menu written on a card with a coloured Regimental crest (of an obsolete pattern) in one corner and a water colour drawing of a crocodile, with the dates 1879–1929 in the opposite corner. The feast began with Consomme à la Crocodile (I am told there were crocodiles swimming about in the soup and a crocodile on the table), followed by Filets Sole au Biscay, Selle de Moutou Melita (Malta), Bicassine de Canal Suez, Salade de l'Opera, Bombe Pandemonium, and Croutes Bombay. Toasts followed and also Joe's song. At least it wasn't really Joe's song, it was composed and sung by Lieut. Willcox, R.N., on 9th January, 1880, on H.M.S. *Crocodile*, on passage with 2nd Battalon 5th Fusiliers to Bombay.

I.

The year has only just begun
When from our friends we parted,
Embarked the FIFTH at Portsmouth Town
And off to India started.
The day was fair,
No rain was there
To damp our spirits gay,
Till in we fell with an ocean swell
In which nearly all gave way.

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II.

A right good lot on board we've got,
Always light and cheery.
Never glum, but full of fun,
And never act too beery.
But one thing curious there is,
Right names are few and scanty ;
And it seemed queer for us to hear
Will you have a liquor, Lanty ?

III.

Then there's Grup and Jacques and Jung,
And Squiff and Mop, Oh golly!
And a quiet unassuming youth,
I think they call him Dolly.
And there's " Lord John," " Sardine," and " Toast,"
But what gave me much trouble,
Was when I wanted an acting man
They told me to look for Bubble.

IV.

I'll drink their health before they go,
And may success attend them.
The best of health and lots of wealth
May Providence e'er send them.
And where're the FIFTH may be
While distant from our Isle,
I'd safely bet they won't forget
This trip in the *Crocodile*.

Finally, there must have been an Auld Lang Syne and God Save The King. I forgot to ask my little bird about this, but I feel sure there was, even if advancing years and the prospect of two days' pheasant shooting in the Babworth coverts drove them to bed at a decorous hour.

It must have been a glorious occasion, and I will close my surmised description of it by wishing them all many years in which to remember it.

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A Visit to Holland
in connection with the Unveiling of a Regimental Window in Christ Church, Amsterdam, by Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina.

THE party of four, Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, Colonel Herbert, Lt.-Colonel Platt and Major Chenevix-Trench, assembled at Liverpool Street Station on the evening of 26th November, somewhat apprehensive as to what the night held in store. For the previous twenty-four hours, self-styled friends had delighted in drawing attention to the state of the Channel, the eighty-mile-an-hour gale, the weather forecast, and other mirth-provoking meteorological events. But they were doomed to disappointment for we landed without reported casualty at the Hook of Holland about six o'clock on the morning of 27th. There we met the first of many examples of Dutch efficiency, in the person of a short, rotund interpreter who piloted us through a simple form of customs to reserved seats in a comfortable compartment adjoining the breakfast car.

The flatness of the country, the comparative absence of trees except in occasional woods, the breadth of the streets in towns and villages, the general cleanliness and orderliness, were our first impressions of Holland, apart from eggs and bacon, hot rolls and still hotter coffee. Were these a gastronomic foretaste of the immediate future? If so, they were no mean prophet.

At Haarlem, Mr. Laming, British Consul at Amsterdam, and Chairman of the British Association, joined the train and introduced himself. He was indeed a guide, philosopher, and friend. Had he known with what questions he was to be bombarded during the next forty-eight hours, from the appointment of a Burgomaster to the purchase of delft or a boy's fancy dress, from the relative merits of portraits by Rembrandt and Frans Hals to the drainage system of a city three feet below sea level, or from the correct procedure for drinking out of certain glasses to the art of painting on certain bottles would he still have volunteered for duty as our mentor? We believe, and believe emphatically, that he would.

On arrival at Amsterdam, Mr. Wildmam, the Consul-General, having already performed a wedding, although it was not yet nine, was on the platform to greet us. We looked idly on while these two capable persons supervised the bestowal of our luggage, on and in, mostly in, a common taxi. With what protests would an English driver have seen a uniform case being placed gently but firmly against one of his windows! All was unloaded safely a few minutes later at the Hotel Pays Bas, a most comfortable hostel, where we were to be the guests of the British Association of Amsterdam during our stay in that city.

Our first outing was to Christ's Church to see the window, the unveiling of which, by Her Majesty the Queen of Holland, the following day, was the real purpose of our visit. For the benefit of those who were not present, it may be explained that two windows were to be unveiled. In the centre of the North wall was a large window, representing the Stadtholder William III., who accepted the crown of England in 1689, and his Consort, Queen Mary. This window was presented by the merchants of Amsterdam. Adjoining it was a slightly smaller window, divided into two parts by a stone column. Into the centre of each of these two halves were inserted the memorials of the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Foot to those who gave their lives in defence of the Netherlands in the earliest days of Regimental history. The Fifth memorial consisted of a central figure of St. George and the Dragon, on a green ground. In the two upper corners were the shield of St. George, and in the lower corners the slipped rose and crown. It was designed by Capt. H. Oakes-Jones, M.B.E., and executed by Mr. Abling of Amsterdam. The window given by the Royal Warwickshire Regiment was on similar lines and correponded well with ours.

After an official call on the Burgomaster, Herr W. de Vlugt, at the Stadhuis, or Town Hall, with its fine courtyard paved with tiny red bricks reminiscent of nursery days, Mr. Laming took us over the Royal Palace and the famous Rijks Museum. The palace is seldom occupied by the Queen as it is too cold for comfort. One cannot be surprised at its disfavour or its coldness. It is a mass of marble ornament built on 13,000 piles, to which combination warmth and comfort are strange bedfellows in Northern Europe.

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Our time at the Rijks Museum was all too short. We had no chance of looking at any of the exhibits except the pictures. It is not for us here to catalogue that renowned collection, with its remarkably handsome men, its landscapes, and its history of the times in hall, cottage and courtyard. One can only see for oneself.

We were entertained at lunch by the Rev. W. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Laming, and other English residents.

In the afternoon we wandered round the streets and canals, and shopped, getting some exercise thereby for dinner in the evening, at which we were the guests of the British Association. The President of that Association is Mr. Gunner, a descendant of Major Ridge, of Badajos fame, and an uncle of Tom, who died in India in 1910, and of Ben, who was killed with the 1st Battalion in France in the Great War. From dinner we were taken to yet another entertainment arranged in our honour by the same Association, a reception and a dance, at which we met many notables of the country and the city, as well as of the British community, and, of course, their ladies.

The next day, unfortunately, broke cold and wet, a disappointing contrast to the brilliant sun of its predecessor. It was difficult enough to clean one's own buttons without the additional complication of greatcoats. The greatcoats of British Officers are remarkable garments. They lend little dignity to their wearers and bear less similarity to each other. Our four coats were no exception to tradition. They marked four distinct ages of sartorial thought, ranging from the last century to the most up-to-date creation of Angel Court. Coupled with those of the Sixth, they would make a comprehensive gift to the Pimlico Museum. And what to do with them or where to put them if we did take them to Church? To go unprotected would spoil the buttons, over which we had lavished so much Brasso. That was unthinkable. A solution was found in driving two hundred yards.

There was not a vacant seat in the Church. Besides His Excellency Sir Odo Russell, the British Minister, and his Staff, and Lady Russell, the Burgomaster and Senior Commanders of the Dutch Navy and Army, the leading citizens, both Dutch and British, were present. All arrangements had been made with great care and forethought by the Rev. W. Lucas and his Committee, not only the pews for our party being reserved, but individual seats being marked with our names. Punctually at 12.30 Her Majesty entered the Church, and the service commenced. That service will long be remembered by those present for two events. The gracious presence of the Queen to unveil the windows and the address given in dedication by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fulham, in which the maximum of matter was compressed into the minimum of words.

The service concluded with the National Anthems of Britain and Holland, after which the Officers representing the Fifth and Sixth Regiments had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty in the vestry.

We repaired later to the official residence of the Burgomaster, where we were most hospitably entertained to lunch by Herr de Vlugt. It was not an English lunch or one of those poor imitations of English lunches which Continental hosts sometimes think they are bound to inflict on themselves and their guests. It was a marvellous lunch—a lunch to remember. Whether the number of courses exceeded the number of wines, or whether the number of wines exceeded the number of courses, the writer cannot even now remember, any more than whether the winner of that heat defeated the atmosphere in which both were consumed.

Although we have dined with some of the City Fathers, we have never attended a Guildhall lunch. We have heard their reputation, but we are sure they cannot excel the excellence of provision and the warmth of hospitality on this occasion. Sadly we had to keep one eye on the clock, for we had been still further honoured by a command from Her Majesty the Queen to dinner at the Royal Palace at The Hague that very evening—and The Hague is forty-five minutes by train from Amsterdam. Should anyone think we make heavy weather of this, let him sit down to such a feast at two, rise after four, and catch a train at the further side of a large city at five, collecting one's baggage at a hotel *en route*. We accomplished that feat, thanks to a sympathetic weighman, a myriad of lusty white-coated porters, and a modicum of gulden; but of all causes the last was the least.

A rapid bath at the Hotel Ouder Doelen, where Lieut.-Colonel Daubeny, the British Military Attaché, had kindly booked rooms for us; a still quicker change from Service dress into mess kit; and we sallied forth to the Royal Palace. At this stage in the account of our travels we feel inclined to cry a halt, for we are not accustomed to dining in royal circles or to writing of such events. We are disturbed as to the best procedure. To write exactly will only pander to the snob thirsting for crumbs of knowledge of a state higher than his own. None of our readers falling in that category, the adoption of such a method would be mere waste of time. To write in lighter vein would savour of common journalism which the daily breakfast table teaches the educated to avoid. Let us therefore leave silver plates, bronze chrysanthemums, statues and flunkeys to the imagination of the curious, and let it suffice to record the honour accorded by Her Majesty to the Regiment which we represented and, lest we become too parochial in our pride, the British Army of which we form a part and the British Nation of which we are a member.

After dinner we each in turn had the privilege of a few minutes' conversation with the Queen. To each one Her Majesty talked on a different topic and in English.

The following day General Wilkinson and Major Chenevix-Trench returned to England by the day boat. Colonel Herbert and Lieut.-Colonel Platt remained for a while longer to see the sights of The Hague and to explore the shops of the city. They were entertained yet again. On this occasion, to lunch by the British Minister and Lady Russell.

We have now concluded a poor and unworthy account, which does little justice to those whose hospitality we received and whose kindliness we accepted without perhaps adequate acknowledgment. Even now, in retrospect, it is beyond our power to apportion gratitude.

Any attempt will only result in an incomplete list of those with whom we came in contact and will omit many who strove for our comfort. Let us therefore take the fairer path and embrace all in one, saying simply "Thank-you, Holland."

An outstanding assortment is the new "Princess Elizabeth" box, which appeals to all who admire fine chocolates and artistic packing; while "King George," "Milk Tray," and Milk Block chocolate remain firmly established favourites renowned for the consistency of their excellence.

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Something New for Smokers.

SMOKERS will be much interested in the " Wallet " Packing which Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills have designed for their new brand of cigarettes, " Three Castles " Medium. This packing opens out like a cigarette case, one half of the cigarettes being on each side. One cigarette may be easily extracted without disturbing the remainder, and one set of ten is perfectly preserved while the other is being smoked. The new " Wallet " packing is obtainable in " twenties " (twin tens) and in " tens " (twin fives) at the popular prices of 1s. and 6d.

Needless to say, " Three Castles " Medium cigarettes maintain the high standard which has always been associated with the " Three Castles " brand.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

Instituted 1904.

Winter is here. The hand of poverty is lying heavily on hundreds of erstwhile gallant Fifth Fusiliers and funds are exhausted.

Any sum, large or small, also cast off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by

The Secretary,

8, Higham Place,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Solving a Problem for the Retired.

ONE of the problems which many men in the Services have to face is where to live after their retirement in order to get the best out of life on what is usually a reduced income. In many cases, too, the question of climate is important where years have been spent on Overseas Service and at times in places where the heat and conditions are both trying and enervating. To such, Tasmania as a home is well worth considering, and that Island off the South of Australia has already attracted many who have spent years in one of the Services. These have found that life in a new country, with a good climate, sport and social conditions, is better than living in the Old Country where they have frequently to live among strangers, finding sport and pastimes expensive and the climate at times trying. The two chief cities and townships on the North-West Coast have become centres for people of this class, who have settled happily in their new surroundings and brought up their families with better opportunities and prospects than they might have had here. The social life which necessarily is of such importance to such people is largely provided by themselves, inasmuch as they are among people who have travelled, have many interests of the same character, and frequently come from the same quarter of the world. If they want field sports, golf is to be obtained everywhere at a moderate fee for membership. Some of the courses are as good as any to be found in Australia. Others in the country provide, at any rate, a sporting game. Cricket and tennis clubs are established everywhere. In the many harbours and waterways yachting is within the means of many who could not touch it in English waters. Racing is so ingrained in the national character that one accepts as a matter of course that meetings should be frequent, and indeed seem to be organised wherever sufficient people can be gathered together. Fishing is, however, the principal pastime of those who are not interested in field sports, but who prefer the " silent game." The lakes, of which there are many and of large size, and the rivers have been well stocked with trout from British waters. These have flourished, attaining large size. The cost is small, the general licence costing only 10s. for each season, which gives a right to fish in all waters. The fishing of the country is already well known outside the limits of its own borders, and many visitors go there for that purpose alone.

It is possible, however, that some of the retired Service men would wish to do something to add to their incomes. There are means by which this can be done by the use of a reasonable quantity of land attached to the house, and this is to be had on the outskirts of the towns. Fruit and vegetables can be grown, poultry raised, produce providing birds and eggs for the household and for sale. Another factor which would weigh with this class of settler is that electricity is provided from the Government hydro-electric system at cheap rates for power and lighting purposes. These help very materially to lighten the domestic problem by reducing labour to a minimum.

In order to encourage the settlement of people who are endeavouring to find a congenial part of the world to live in, the Government of Tasmania has formulated a scheme under which an advance up to £300 can be made towards the cost of passages; and this applies to those with a minimum income of £250 per annum or a minimum capital of £3,000.

If any of our readers desire information and advice on this matter it is suggested that they apply to the Agent General for Tasmania, Australia House, Strand, London, W.C. 2.

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MARRIAGE.

DALBY—RITCHIE.—At Lahore Cantonment, on 5th December, 1929, C.S.M. Dalby, 2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, to Bessie Matilda Ritchie.

DEATH.

TAYLOR.—At the British Military Hospital, Lahore Cantonment, on 22nd December, 1929, of cerebral compression, Fus. F. Taylor, 2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. W. H. Braddell to be Major (dated 23rd November, 1929).

Lieut. R. C. Stockley is seconded while holding the appointment of A.D.C. to the G.O.C., Northern Ireland District (dated 25th September, 1929).

Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C., is seconded for service on the Staff (dated 13th November, 1929). Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C., is restored to the Establishment (dated 13th November, 1929) (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 24th December, 1929).

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut. H. S. Maughan, from Supp. Res. of Officers, to be Lieut. (dated 27th January, 1930), with seniority 16th November, 1923.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. J. C. Neville to be Lieutenant (dated 22nd September, 1929)

5th Bn.—Capt. (Q.M.) E. W. Thompson to be Major (Q.M.) (dated 14th February, 1930).

5th Bn.—Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., to be Bt.-Colonel (dated 22nd February, 1930).

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
February, 1930.

FEBRUARY has produced one or two events of interest, perhaps the chief being the success of our Association football team, which beat the 2nd Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment on the 15th February, by 4 goals to 2, thus passing into the semi-final of the Army Cup. We play the Rifle Brigade next. The team is to be congratulated on its success. We feel sure we're going to win the Cup this year. A full account of the match will be found elsewhere.

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Our Boxing team fought our 6th Battalion at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 8th February, and suffered defeat. We found some difficulty in finding boxers to fight at some of the weights. A full account of this will also be found elsewhere.

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On the 8th March, the boxing team fights the 2nd Bn. The King's, at Litchfield, in the second round of the N.C. Championship. We were to have met the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the first round, but they scratched.

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Tactical exercises abound, and Officers can be seen closely examining various manuals, and Company Officers echo to shouts of: "How many guns in a light battery?" "What does an armoured car company consist of?" and so on. Col. Booth and Major Sutherland depart on a lengthy Divisional Scheme at Catterick on the 25th February, and this is to be closely followed by a Brigade Scheme. Col. Booth is also President of a promotion board in Subject "A" early in March, with over 60 candidates to deal with. Col. Garnier has at last gone on leave and we hope his rest cure will be successful.

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Two "handsome, sunburnt Officers" have entered the Barracks during the month, the sunburnt portion being the remains of a sojourn in Switzerland. To wit Majors Sutherland and Braddell. We congratulate the latter on his promotion to this exalted rank. This rise in life unfortunately for us necessitates his going to the 2nd Battalion, but no doubt he will have a thoroughly good time, both on the boat and on arrival. We wish him the best of luck.

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Mr. Tarleton has also left us, to represent the Regiment in the Sudan Defence Force. It is rumoured that the 2nd Battalion go to Khartoum next trooping season, so the African continent will be ably defended for some time.

It is also rumoured that Col. Herbert is returning to York as G.S.O. 1, Northern Command. This is a good rumour and we sincerely hope it is so.

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If this appointment takes place, the late Colonels of the two Battalions have been honoured as they deserve, as Col. Kershaw is now G.S.O. 1 to the 1st Division at Aldershot.

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Capt. Pemberton has gone to London to sit for the Staff College examination. We wish him the best of luck, and feel sure he will be able to put "P.S.C." after his name shortly.

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We were very glad to see Capt. Lindsay this month; he looked in whilst passing from Leamington Spa to Newcastle-on-Tyne after leave.

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We were also very glad to see Capt. Cooper, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Mr. Collingwood from the Depôt. They came down to see us play the 2nd Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment.

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Mr. Cruddas, from the 4th Battalion, and Mr. Bryant, from Oxford University, have been with us for a month's attachment, and have been attached to "W" Company; which Company has been doing Individual Training. We hope they have benefited from their stay.

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During the month the Commanding Officer, Col. Garnier, the Adjutant, Captains Buckley and Thomas visited Newcastle to attend a conference at the Headquarters 149th Infantry Brigade, to meet the Commanding Officers of our Territorial Brigade and discuss arrangements for summer training, when the Battalion will be attached to this Brigade for the latter's annual training. The Depôt was also visited.

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We have to congratulate Mr. Speer on getting a "Distinguished" at Netheravon, and Mr. Carr-Ellison on getting a "Q.1."

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Bad luck has fallen on Mr. Beckwith. He is in hospital with diphtheria, but we are glad to hear it is only a slight attack and that he is progressing well.

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A photograph of our successful Association Football team will be found elsewhere.

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St. George's Day parades are starting the first week in March, and once again we hope to see many of our old friends on "the Day"—the last but one re-union before we go abroad.

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With these notes we send a letter from the Rev. W. W. Lucas, Amsterdam, which will be of interest.

Boxing.

On Saturday, 8th February, some of our Regimental boxers were the guests of the 6th Battalion at St. George's Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. They received a very hearty welcome, and were beaten in a series of contests by seven contests to two. The Regulars found the "Terriers" more than equal to the occasion and infinitely fitter and better trained throughout.

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We offer our heartiest congratulations to Capt. Rutherford, who staged the match and trained the 6th Battalion team so efficiently. Arrangements are already on foot for a return match next year, when we hope that the 6th Battalion will be in a position to meet us at all weights.

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Our match against the 6th Battalion brought it home to us that although the newer members of our team do not lack courage they are lacking in experience. We are lucky in having several members of the old team, who are invaluable in imparting their knowledge to these less experienced members. The training of the Battalion team for the match against our old rivals the 2nd Bn. The King's Regiment, on the 8th March, is progressing very satisfactorily and it looks like being a close finish once again.

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On the 21st and 22nd February we had three competitions in the Army Individual Championships at Catterick. These were the eliminating rounds in the Command, and although only one of our competitors—Lce.-Cpl. Stockton—was successful in qualifying to go up to London for the last three rounds, the other two—Lce.-Cpl. Irving and Fus. Morton—are to be congratulated on very creditable performances.

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Lce.-Cpl. Irving had extraordinarily bad luck in being beaten on points after his opponent had been saved by the gong in the last round. Although his opponent kept a narrow lead on points throughout the fight, Lce.-Cpl. Irving showed his powers of hitting and was unfortunate in not putting his opponent out before he did.

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Fus. Morton won his first round comparatively easily and showed experience and skill. In his second fight, however, he was matched against a much larger man than himself, and the lack of sting in his left-hand punches was very apparent, although he several times shook him with his right. Morton has given a great deal of his time teaching the younger members of the team, and we are afraid that in doing so his efforts to "hold" his punches may have affected him. However, a week will rectify that, and he will again be hitting with his old force behind his punches.

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We wish Lce.-Cpl. Stockton the best of luck at the Albert Hall early next month. He seems to be at the top of his form again now.

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We have the following members of the team competing in special contests in a tournament organized by the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards on the 3rd and 4th March :—Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Lce.-Cpl. Langley, Fus. Armstrong, Fus. Farrow, Fus. Smith and Fus. Mason.

Football

1st Team Notes.

Position in League Table to date :—

Top in League 13.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
16	14	2	0	91	27	28

We have only taken part in two League encounters this month owing to Cup-ties.

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On 25th January we met and defeated Fishergate Old Boys, on their ground, by 12 goals to 1. Winning the toss Smart elected to play down hill; play was fast, and Hughes scored 5 goals in 18 minutes. These were followed by four more goals in the first half, which were scored by Caldwell (2), Scanlan and Hughes (1). Half-time :—5th Fusiliers 9, Fishergate 0. On resuming, although Fishergate had the slope of the ground in their favour, our defence held out. Hughes, Young and Scanlan added further goals for the FIFTH, and Fishergate replied with 1 goal towards the end.

Result—5th Fusiliers 12, Fishergate Old Boys 1.

In this match Hughes scored 7 goals.

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On 1st February we met Dringhouses at home. In this game we had an off-day, and although we had two reserves on and Charlton was injured in the opening exchanges and had to go outside-right, the game was not up to our usual standard. Winning the toss, Peppiatt scored in 25 minutes, Dringhouses replied with 2 goals in 30 and 31 minutes; Caldwell brought the scores level two minutes later. Half-time :—5th Fusiliers 2, Dringhouses 2.

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On the resumption, play was very keen and was marred through infringements on both sides. Scanlan scored a capital goal in the closing stages. This was perhaps one of our worst displays of the season. Result :—5th Fusiliers 3, Dringhouses 2.

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On 8th February we were at home to Malton Town, in the second round of the York Senior Cup. For this match Stobbart was brought in at right-back *vice* Charlton, injured, and Mr. Enderby at outside-right. Kicking off, the FIFTH attacked strongly, and Malton's goalie was soon in action. Play passed from end to end, and Craig made some remarkably good saves before the pressure was relieved round our goal mouth. E. Charlton opened the scoring in 13 minutes, with a fast drive that gave the goalie no chance, 4 minutes later Hughes added the second goal for the FIFTH from a pass from Mr. Enderby; Caldwell scored with one of his cross shots in 22 minutes. Malton were trying hard and were also playing good football; they were rewarded when their centre forward got possession and outpaced our defence to score a good goal, Craig having no chance. Scanlan added a further goal five minutes from half-time. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 4, Malton Town 1.

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On resuming, the visitors were awarded a penalty, which was a little doubtful, as Dennison in trying to clear fell and the ball bouncing hit him on the arm whilst he was on the ground. Malton showed fine sporting spirit in hesitating to accept the spot kick. It was taken eventually and was successful. Mr. Enderby having shaken off his nervousness in the first half, took part in some pretty football, together with his inside man, and two clever centres put in by him enabled Hughes to add to our score. Scanlan and Caldwell added further goals for the FIFTH. Result—5th Fusiliers 8, Malton Town 2.

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Malton Town put up a very good show for a team that is at the bottom of the League, and the game was one of the cleanest and best-controlled games we have taken part in for some time.

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Friendly Match.

On the 23rd January, we were entertained by Leeds University, at Leeds, in a friendly match. Owing to injuries and the Army calling on Bell, in this match we hadn't a full team out, but were successful by 6 goals to 4. Winning the toss, Young scored in two minutes; Leeds replied with three goals in the next 8 minutes. Caldwell added our second goal in 35 minutes, and Leeds replied five minutes later. Hughes scored just on half-time. Half-time—Leeds University 4, 5th Fusiliers 3.

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On resuming, Leeds were able to hold out for some time, but goals were added by Young, Hughes and Peppiatt. Result—5th Fusiliers 6, Leeds University 4.

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It was a very good recovery on our part with a weakened team; we had two backs in Stobbart and Peppiatt forming our right wing, and Leeds included two gentlemen that play for Yorkshire Amateurs in their team. It was a fine sporting game played in the right spirit, with no infringements on either side.

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Army Cup—Fifth Round.

On 15th February, about 1,500 spectators saw the Battalion pass into the semi-final of the Army Cup for the first time in history. We entertained the 2nd Leicester Regiment on the Garrison ground, and defeated them by 4 goals to 2. The Leicesters are stationed at Catterick, having been posted there on the evacuation of the Rhine. Prior to their going to the Rhine they were semi-finalists in the Army Cup of that year, and whilst on the Rhine they won the Rhine Army Cup two years in succession, so we were prepared for a hard game, and we had it.

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Teams :—

5TH FUSILIERS.

Craig.
Charlton. Dennison.
Smart. E. Charlton. Bell (*capt.*).
Postle. Scanlan. Hughes. Young. Caldwell.

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Foss. Brown. Shaw. Hipsley. Bates.
McMain. Smith (*capt.*). Cooper.
Westwood. Kemp.
Hines-Wragg.

2ND LEICESTER REGT.

Referee—C.Q.M.S. Anderson (Middlesex Regt.).

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The Leicesters kicked off, the game opened out fast, and both ends were visited in turn. E. Charlton had to retire in the first two minutes, having put his shoulder out, but was able to resume soon after. Shaw scored for the Leicesters after 13 minutes' play, Craig having no chance. Craig was prominent in our goal, he being called upon several times during the next few minutes. Following a fruitless corner, Hughes got the ball and passed it out to Caldwell, who ran through on his own and sent in a cross shot that beat the goalie in 25 minutes. Hughes was playing pretty football, and although he did not get through himself he was able to feed the other forwards well; he was responsible for our second goal, which was scored by Scanlan; receiving the ball from Charlton, Hughes took it through on his own and when about to be tackled by the opposing back passed to Scanlan, who was able to put it into the net. Half-time—5th Fusiliers 2, 2nd Bn. Leicesters 1.

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On resuming, our team pressed hard, and Bell scored in 9 minutes with a shot from about 30 yards out. Scanlan scored from a pass from Hughes in 16 minutes. Just after the Leicesters had a break-away, and Craig was brought to his knees in saving a shot, which he only partly cleared. Shaw shot again and Craig fisted out; Brown trapped the ball and sent in a hard shot, and Bell, in trying to clear, turned the ball into his own goal. The Leicesters had hard luck a few minutes later, when Brown sent in a fast drive which hit the cross bar and rebounded into play, with Craig beaten. The Leicesters were trying hard, but our defence held out. A good run and centre from Postle resulted in Hughes shooting just wide of the upright. A moment later Hughes missed an open goal.

Back Row.—Sjt. Ross. Fus. Charlton Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Fus. Craig. Cpl. Bell. Fus. Dennison. Cpl. Smart.
Front Row.—Fus. Malcolm. Cpl Scanlan. Fus. Hughes. Fus. Young. Dmr. Caldwell.

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Result—5th Fusiliers 4, 2nd Bn. Leicesters 2.

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The team are to be congratulated on their fine display, and it is hoped that they will be successful in getting a medal this season (and the Cup).

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E. Charlton is to be congratulated on his pluck in sticking out the game with an injured shoulder.

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Army Notes.

Cpl. Bell, our popular captain, has been called upon on two occasions this month. In one game he played against the Belgian Army.

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The team remains the same in composition, and we have two reserves to call upon when required—Cpl. Pennock, left-half, and Cpl. Stobbart, who is a right-back, anywhere. Perhaps Cpl. Stobbart deserves special mention, as so far this season he has been called upon to fill the following positions at one time or another. Right-back, left-back, centre-half, right-half and inside-right.

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Northern Command *v.* York City (3rd Division).

On 19th February, the Northern Command were entertained by York City in a friendly encounter on their ground. York were successful by 7 goals to 5. In this game we were represented by Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Smart, Cpl. Scanlan and Fus. Young. Cpl. Bell captained the team. Scanlan and Smart scored for the Command.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ..	57	Cpl. Stobbart	1
Cpl. Scanlan	40	Fus. Postle	1
Dmr. Caldwell	15	Sjt. Peppiatt	2
Fus. Young	13		
Cpl. Bell	7	Total	144
Fus. Kellet	5		
Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton ..	3		

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So far this season we have played 26 matches, winning 24 and losing 2. We have scored 144 goals against 43.

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2nd Team Notes.

We have played two League matches this month, each resulting in a win for us.

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On 4th February we met and defeated Ripon Wednesday at Ripon by 2 goals to 1. Our scorers were Postle and Livermore.

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On 12th February we met the Military Hospital at home, and were successful by 3 goals to 2. Postle, Sinclair and Dunn were our scorers.

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On 29th January we met Easingwold Town at Easingwold, in the second round of the Half-holiday Trophy, and were successful by 4 goals to 3. Scorers :—Postle (2), Brown and Shields (1).

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Goal scorers to date :—

Fus. Postle	14	Cpl. Pennock	1
Fus. Malcolm	11	Lce.-Cpl. Charlton ..	1
Lce.-Cpl. Dunn	7	Lce.-Cpl. Powell ..	1
Lce.-Sjt. Babington ..	4	Fus. Livermore	1
Fus. Brown	3	Fus. Sinclair	1
Fus. Gregory	2		
Cpl. Shields	2	Total	50
Fus. Nicholson	1		
Fus. Fitzsimmons ..	1		

The following is an extract from the *Yorkshire Evening Press*, of the 8th February, 1930, that might be of interest to our readers :—

"York has had such long and intimate associations with military life that there are many who have noticed with pleasure the steady progress of the Northumberland Fusiliers in the Army Cup Competition. Their latest victory in Belfast was a very fine feat and one hopes that it will stimulate the "Fighting Fifth" to a big effort to win the trophy. We have had some clever Army teams stationed in York in years gone by, and the reputation for good, hard and sportsmanlike football is being maintained. Sport has come to play a much bigger part in Army life than in pre-war times, and so far as the Northern Command is concerned the facilities provided are on a generous scale. The garrison grounds are among the best in the North, and I am sure that good support could be attracted to them if the standard of play was better known. The Fusiliers have lost two games this season in the York League, and there is every indication of the championship going to them.

"It is interesting to recall that the Northumberland Fusiliers, who are now so prominent in York football, were the first Army team to compete against local clubs. Yet when competitive football was inaugurated in the city by means of the league system, the military clubs were barred from taking part. I am not sure whether this was a military or a civilian restriction—perhaps some of the pioneers of those days would be good enough to say if they can recollect. At any rate the Army teams had first to play 'friendlies' with York clubs, but eventually they found their way into the league and cup competitions, and the Fusiliers were the first to do so. Thus, there is a long link between the Fusiliers and the early days of York football, and it is noteworthy that at one time or another all the local trophies have been won by military clubs. There has always been a good spirit between the two sections of the community, and the Army teams have done their bit in the development of the game."

W.J.C.

Sergeants' Mess.

February, 1930.

A return billiards match was played against the Officers on their own "turf," and again we proved victorious.

OFFICERS.		SERJEANTS' MESS.	
Lt.-Col. Booth	105	R.S.M. Rowsell	150
Capt. Scanlan	100	Sjt. Babington	150
Capt. Myers	150	Sjt. Peppiatt	122
Lieut. Enderby	150	Sjt. Obey	99
Lieut. Hobbs	150	Sjt. Swain	115
Lieut. Fishbourne ..	86	Sjt. Hobbs	150
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C.S.M. Danaford left us to take up a Tour of Duty with our 4th Battalion at Newburn. Our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Danaford, and we trust we shall see him before long as in all probability we shall be co-operating with the Territorial Battalions in training this year.

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We received a visit from ex-Sjt. Loder, who came to York.

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to try and defeat the examiners on a medical board, and we were pleased to hear he had succeeded.

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Sjt. McCarthy also paid a visit whilst his contingent of O.T.C. from Leeds were trying to overcome the Headquarter Staff of the Depôt West Yorkshire Regiment in drill movements, etc.

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Our Drum-Major has left us to go to Hounslow on a Vocational Training Course, and the corps of drums are now under the supervision of Sjt. Starbuck.

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A very enjoyable game of football between the Officers and Serjeants took place, and resulted in a draw of five goals each. If we had not rearranged our team at half-time I am afraid we should have suffered defeat. Our right-winger, in whom we placed our hopes, turned out in a brand new pair of boots and received such a shaking up from the solid left-back of the Officers that he has now fallen out of the transfer list altogether. The R.S.M., who played in goal for the first half, then went outside-right to try and break through, but it was weight against weight, and I am afraid that the honours went to Col. Garnier. It was a very good game and everyone enjoyed themselves. Special mention must be made of our trainer and his assistant (Bill and Bram), who speedily brought round Sjt. Ross when he was slightly injured. But why did Bill carry a pair of pincers with him ?

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A week later a hockey match was arranged, and we won a very close game by three goals to two.

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Our monthly Whist Drive and Dance produced another good night of entertainment; the prize winners being :—

LADIES.		GENTLEMEN.	
Mrs. Service	176	E. Hill	181
Mrs. Newport	176	C. Parker	177
K. Hunt	173	Blossom (Sjt. Bellamy)	172
Booby. A. N. Other ..	137	J. Thompson	139

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It is with much regret that we read in the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*, of the 22nd instant, of the sudden death of an old Mess member—Sjt.-Major Sykes.

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The older hands will remember him as one of the old 4th (Regular) Battalion, and then of the 2nd Battalion, from whom he went to the Permanent Staff of the 5th (T.A.) Bn.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family in their very sad loss.

Corporals' Club.

Congratulations are extended to the following on their being appointed to Lance-Corporal :—Lce.-Cpls. Adlard, Metherell, Crowdy, Ryder, Hughes, Rogers, Mullen, Coleman, Hallett, Irving, Drake, Johnson, Lees, Greenwell, Elliott, Jauncey, and Canavan.

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The Fold held a billiard handicap during the last month, and the result of the first round was as follows :—

Cpl. Hodgson	150	Lce.-Cpl. Adlard ..	110
Lce.-Cpl. J. Smith ..	150	Cpl. Kendall	97
Lce.-Cpl. Theakstone ..	150	Cpl. Heard	53
Cpl. Scanlan	150	Cpl. Waterhouse ..	88
Cpl. Nicholson	150	Lce.-Cpl. Cooper ..	93
Lce.-Cpl. Whiley ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Murphy ..	110
Cpl. Brough	150	Lce.-Cpl. Brown ..	148
Cpl. McDonough ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Johnson ..	95
Lce.-Cpl. Johnson (H.Q.)	150	Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes ..	122
Cpl. Barber	150	Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale ..	117
Cpl. Shields	150	Lce.-Cpl. Paindavoins	122
Cpl. Stobbart	150	Lce.-Cpl. Henderson ..	109
Lce.-Cpl. Thompson ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Stockton ..	100
Lce.-Cpl. Sinton ..	150	Cpl. Thornton	116
Lce.-Cpl. Wilson	150	Cpl. McHale	122
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ..	150	Cpl. Smart	118

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Games were 150 up, with the final 200 up. Cpl. Shields was the winner, with Lce.-Cpl. Smith a close runner-up.

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A promotion examination was held during February, which probably accounts for the discussions one could hear, on entering the Club, also the daily fluttering of hearts when " R.O.'s " are published.

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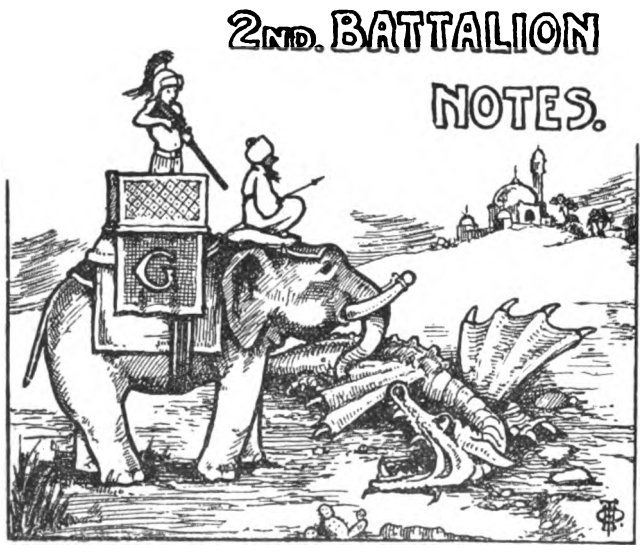
Our monthly dances are in full swing now, and are voted a popular success, especially in the opinion of the ladies of York, who with their canny Yorkshire thrift are all in favour of a " Buckshee Do."

" JACK."



Kasur Camp,

12th January, 1930.

OUR last notes were written in Camp and we again find ourselves in the same delightful surroundings. The Battalion marched into barracks on 22nd December, having covered the 32 miles from Kasur in 22 hours, being nobly upborne by the thought of the approaching Christmas festivities.

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During Christmas week, two polo tournaments, a six chukker and a four chukker, took place, and there was racing on Tuesday,

"ST. GEORGE,"

CHARGER OF LIEUT.-COL. O.B. FOSTER, M.C. (2ND-LIEUT. J. E. LEAN UP).

Winner of 1st Prize in Infantry Officers' Chargers Class, Lahore Horse Show, 28th December, 1929.

Thursday and Saturday; the Indian Grand National taking place on Thursday and the Governor's Cup on the Saturday; polo being played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On the Saturday morning and the whole of Sunday the Lahore Horse Show was held in Cantonments, and there were many entries from all over the Punjab, and elsewhere.

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Our polo team, consisting of Mr. Ingledew, Mr. Martin, Mr. Surtees and Mr. Clifford, entered for the four chukker tournament and played the Royal Scots Fusiliers in the first round, being beaten by five goals to four after a very hard game, during most of which we had the best of the play, narrowly missing our opponents' goal on about six occasions.

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We then reverted to the subsidiary tournament, in which we defeated a team from Sam Browne's Cavalry, and were finally beaten after a very close game by the 9th Lancers' "B" Team.

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Considering that our team had practically no practice together, they played very well indeed and fully justified the decision to enter for the Tournament and also for the Infantry Cup in February.

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At the Horse Show, Col. Foster's charger, *St. George*, won first prize in the Infantry Officers' chargers class, and Mr. Martin's charger won the third prize. The Battalion Lewis Gun Mules won first prize, and the Indian Platoon Mules won the third prize in their respective competitions, so we managed to score a fairly representative series of triumphs.

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On the 1st of January the Annual Proclamation Parade was held on the Brigade Parade Ground; the Governor of the Punjab attended and took the salute at the march past.

An account of Christmas week would be incomplete without some mention of the meeting of the Indian National Congress, held in Lahore under the Presidency of Jawahar Lal Nehru, and attended by many thousands of its supporters. Thanks to the adequate arrangements of the authorities, no communal trouble of any kind took place, and the leaders of the movement were enabled to make their inflammatory speeches in perfect security.

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The Battalion marched out again for Kasur on 3rd January to attend the composite Brigade Training Camp of the Lahore and Ferozepore Brigades. The Units in Camp are as follows:—

1 Squadron and M.G. Troop Probyns Horse.
H.Q., 12th Field Bde. R.A. and two Batteries.
2nd Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers.
1st Bn. The Norfolk Regiment.
2nd Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers.
5/1st Punjab Regiment.
1 M.G. Platoon 1/12th F.F. Regiment.

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We have met many old friends, especially in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who were at Dagshai with us last year and at Darjeeling in 1921 and 1922; while the 5/1st Punjab Regt. were stationed in Lucknow when we were at Fyzabad. Major Higson, who commands the Norfolks, was at one time a Fifth Fusilier and served in the 3rd Battalion with Col. Foster.

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The great topic of the moment is as to what will be our next station, as we have heard that we move overseas during the next trooping season.

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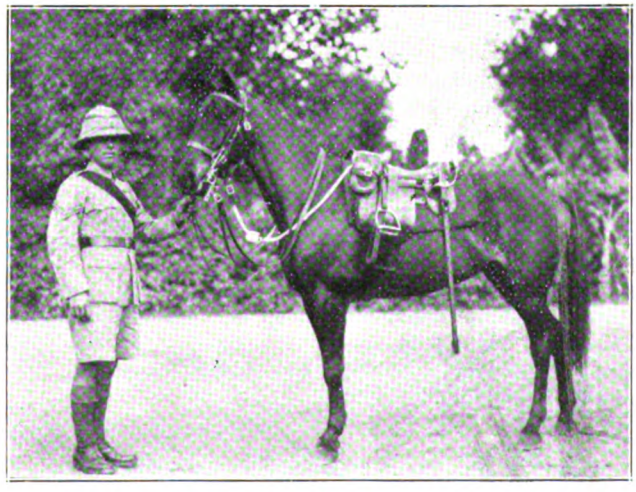
At the moment the betting is fairly even between Shanghai and Khartoum, with the odds slightly in favour of Shanghai, due to the fact that we have heard all about it from the Norfolks,



"BLACK BESS,"

CHARGER OF LIEUT. E. O. MARTIN.

Winner of 3rd Prize in Infantry Officers' Chargers Class, Lahore Horse Show, 28th December, 1929.

who have just come from there. Like most places in the East to which one would like to go, it is from hearsay, almost

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a Paradise—colossal allowances, an equable climate, polo ponies at £10 a head, unbounded hospitality, and with unrivalled opportunities for leave.

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Let us hope that should we go there, it will not prove to be the usual chimera; at present it sounds almost too good to be true, and the rival claims of Khartoum have sunk to the nadir. So sharply indeed have Shanghai shares risen, that some Officers have already started to work hard at pidgin English, while at least one has written for "The Golden Hours of Kai Lung," in order to assimulate the flowery hyperbole which one would like to believe is so essential for a sojourn, however short, in the Celestial Republic.

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To hark back to Brigade Training.

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This has proved as exciting as most Brigade Trainings usually are, let us hope that it has at least been of value to the Higher Commanders and their Staffs. On the first day, we did indeed have all the excitement of war with a minimum of its danger, as the Battalion was Advanced Guard to the Brigade, and succeeded to a large extent in brushing aside almost overwhelming opposition (represented by the flags of the Allied Nations) with great intrepidity. On the succeeding three days the Battalion was generally in the rear of the Brigade column, and the situation in general remained singularly obscure. Our last show, however, was a night approach march and attack at dawn, which was most exciting, and from which some valuable lessons were learned.

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The rôle of the enemy on these occasions is apt to be a little difficult, especially when one or two men represent a Platoon, and fire orders reminiscent of "The First Hundred Thousand" are apt to occur; "At yon twa Gairman Spies, aboot to deleever a message by wireless teleegraphy, fufty roonds, Rapid Fire."

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Next week the District Commander and the G.O.C.-in-C. are coming to visit the Camp, so we then confidently expect to find ourselves in the forefront of the hottest battle, "at least once by day and once by night."

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By the time our next notes are received we will be looking back at the cold weather with regret, and beginning to oil up the fans and darn the mosquito nets, and also we hope to be able to say in prospect "Ave Shanghai Vale Lahore."

Christmas Polo Tournament.

We entered a team for the Four Chukker Christmas Tournament. Mr. Ingledew was fortunately able to come up from Delhi.

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The team was composed as follows:—

(1) Mr. W. R. M. Clifford.
(2) Mr. H. A. Ingledew.
(3) Mr. E. O. Martin.
Back—Mr. R. S. Surtees.

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In the first round we met the Royal Scots Fusiliers who beat us 5—4. In the subsidiary Tournament we beat Sam Browne's Cavalry "Z" in the first round by 3 goals to 1½, but lost to the 9th Lancers in the semi-final by 6 goals to 4½.

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The Polo was due to start on the 23rd, but owing to the heavy rain had to be postponed until Christmas Day.

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Our match against the Scots Fusiliers was fortunately the first match as the ground was cutting up badly.

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First Chukker.

The Scots Fusiliers gave us one goal on handicap. Play was up and down the ground. We had several shots at goal, but they went wide, until a shot from Surtees went through. Score 2—0.

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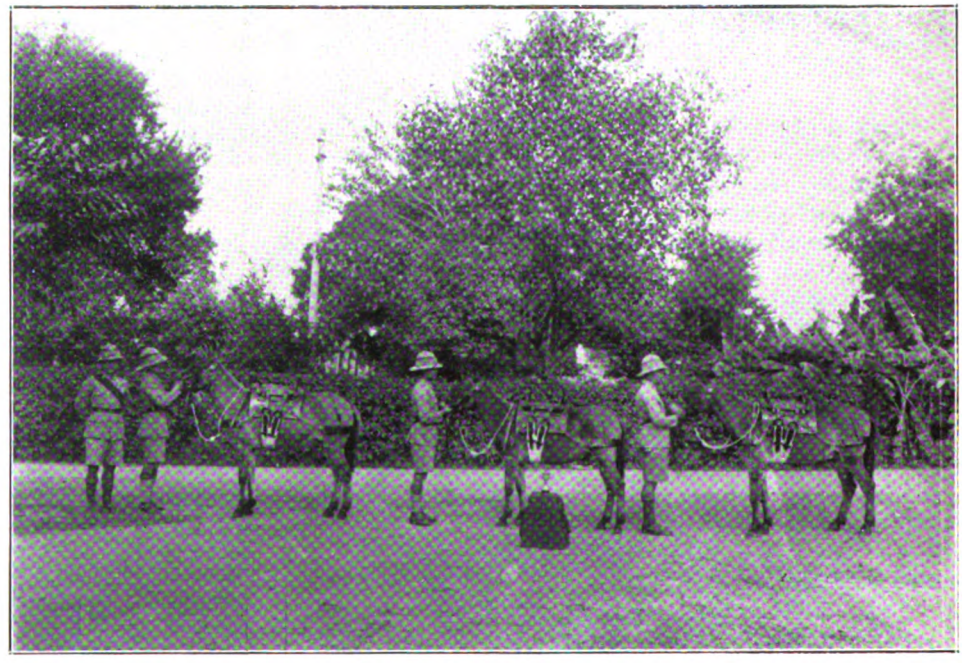
Second Chukker.

The second chukker was disastrous for us. The Scots Fusiliers scored, having got away from the throw-in. Our



2ND BN. THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' BRITISH TEAM.
WINNERS OF 1ST PRIZE IN PACK MULE CLASS, LAHORE HORSE SHOW, 28TH DECEMBER, 1929.

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back then went off to change his pony, and the Scots Fusiliers scored again. Play then levelled up again, but the Scots Fusiliers scored before the close of the chukker. Score 3—2, to the Scots Fusiliers.

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Third Chukker.

This chukker was a good one and the play was even. We scored through Ingledew and Surtees, but the Scots Fusiliers gained a goal through a forty yards' penalty. Score 4—4.

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Fourth Chukker.

The play was even throughout the chukker, but the Scots Fusiliers scored, which gave them the match.

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We were unfortunate in so much as both Clifford and Ingledew had their best ponies laid up. Except for the disastrous start of the second chukker we had, if anything, rather more of the game than the Scots Fusiliers. Their heavier ponies told against us though in riding off.

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In the first round of the Subsidiary we met the Sam Browne's Cavalry "Z." Owing to the rain we played this match on the Cavalry Parade Ground. Both sides found it hard to make the ball travel any distance, and for this reason the game was scrappy. We had the best of this match throughout and won by three goals to 1½. We conceded them ½ goal on handicap. Clifford scored once for us, and Surtees twice.

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In the semi-final of the Subsidiary we met a Subaltern team from the 9th Lancers. They gave us ½ goal handicap and won by 6 goals to 4½. We started off brilliantly and scored two goals in quick succession, through Clifford and Martin. The 9th Lancers retaliated by scoring 2 goals before the end of the first chukker. In this match again the second chukker was disastrous for us, and the 9th Lancers brought the score to 5 goals to 2½. In the third chukker we rallied, and scored twice through Ingledew and Surtees. The last chukker was a good one, but the 9th Lancers delivered the final blow by scoring shortly before time.

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All the matches that we played were well contested, and there was always a chance of winning. It was a pleasant surprise, as before the Tournament we thought that we would be beaten easily. Our team, with a little practice together and a few ponies, would improve immensely. We have entered for the Infantry Tournament which is to be played at Bareilly, commencing 10th February. We hope to raise a few more ponies, but with Mr. Ingledew at Army Headquarters, unfortunately combined practice is impossible.

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The following ponies were played :—

Mr. Clifford's	*Gwendoline*	By Clifford.
Major Carroll-Leahy's	*Baby*	
Mr. Martin's	*Black Bess*	
Mr. Ingledew's	*Express*	By Ingledew.
,,	*Val*	
,,	*Streak*	
Mr. Martin's	*Flash Alf*	By Martin.
,,	*Bluestone*	
Mr. Surtees'	*Jill*	By Surtees.
,,	*Goodie Two Shoes*	

2ND BN. THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' INDIAN TEAM.
WINNERS OF 3RD PRIZE IN PACK MULE CLASS, LAHORE HORSE SHOW, 28TH DECEMBER, 1929.

Both Martin and Surtees used Major Carroll-Leahy's *Duchess* as a reserve.

Serjeants' Mess.

January, 1930.

Training has to be done, but it is not very nice doing it during Christmas week; so we decided to go back to Lahore to keep up the old holiday and collect our parcels, if any. What a relief it was to get beside a comfortable fireside, and to get into mufti once again.

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Christmas arrived on the 25th December as usual.

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"Chips" and a crowd of us arranged the Xmas tree. It

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was great fun playing with the toys, especially that motor car which lights up, also the little motor carriage with the

OFFICERS' MESS, KASUR CAMP.

baby that says "Ma-ma." Kiddies must have a fine time with all these amusing toys, at least so thought "Chips" and his decorating party. Such delight has never before been seen on the face of our timber merchant as when he caused a collision on the toy railway.

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The married families and kiddies had tea with us; then the kiddies were shown a few parlour games by the grown-ups, who found it good fun playing Blind-man's-buff and Catch-me-if-you-can. The children most certainly enjoyed sitting out and watching.

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Finally, they all trooped into the dining hall, where Santa Claus gave them their toys. All was going fine until little Billy Evans shouted out "Garn! that's not Santy Claas, that's Chips Jackson."

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Some lady is missing a fine second half in Sjt.-Major Beck. He knows just what is fine for a feed. In fact we all needed hydraulic cranes to lift us out of our chairs after that Xmas dinner. Really this Xmas has been about the best any of us have ever had, thanks to the R.S.M.—Bravo, Sir!

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On New Year's night we held a dance in the Mess. There was a good attendance of visitors, besides our own people.

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One old man, named Muir, who was at Lahore with a small theatrical show, was well greeted by the R.S.M., having been in our own Band in the year 1890 or thereabouts and having known the R.S.M.'s father, the late R.S.M. Redhead.

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The Xmas season over we must not forget we were only in for the holidays, and now we are back in Kasur for Brigade manœuvres.

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We had not been in Camp many days when the R.S.M. had to return to Lahore on his commission as Lieutenant and Quartermaster. We are really sorry to lose him for he is one of the finest Sjt.-Majors we have ever had, and there is not one of us who did not look upon him almost as a father. We wish him luck and will be quite proud to salute him.

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On the first week's training the Brigade must have forgotten that the Fighting Fifth had just come off the Frontier with great honours; for we were left out of the limelight altogether and had to be content with the name of "Pigo-Reserve."

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In the second week someone remembered us, and we came right out on top. It was a real battle on the first day—plenty of dashing and plenty of rain, until someone spoiled it by sounding the "No Parade." We were just enjoying being up to the eyes in mud and feeling like a duck wet through.

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We are not always on parade in Camp. Sometimes we all sit round the old sigri in the Mess trying who can tell the biggest lie. We were well beaten at this the other Saturday night by the Norfolks and 12th Field Brigade R.A., who came to look us up. The piano was doing its stuff, jokes were being cracked, and everyone as he went home felt sure his cheeks had grown twice their size and his jaw bones had cracked through laughing too much. What with pushing the damper in and trying to say three blind mice by motions, everyone felt "micey" afterwards.

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Sjt. Mole and Sjt. Tulip have had to indent for new topis now they have managed to gain a First Class Certificate of Education. We all congratulate them.

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We regret the death of Sjt. Boon, who was one of our finest soldiers. He was a pal of everyone and is greatly missed in the Mess.

D.E.M.

Corporals' Club.

On 28th December, 1929, the Corporals entertained the Married Corporals and Fusiliers and Families at the usual Christmas Tree and Tea.

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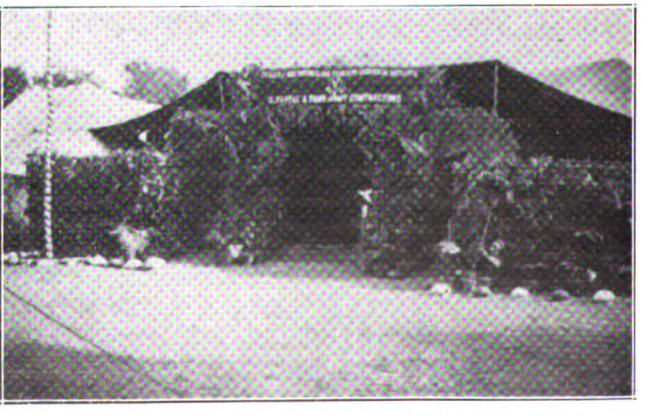
The entertainment commenced at 4.30 p.m., at which hour



CANTEEN AND SUPPER BAR, KASUR CAMP.

the children, excited and happy, invaded the Regimental Theatre and romped round to the rhythm of the excellent

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music which was provided by Cpl. Armstrong and other members of the Band.

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Cpl. Birnie in his usual rôle of clown was a great favourite amongst the children, and had they been permitted to continue dragging him round and sitting on him during the whole of the proceedings he would no doubt have been a sorry and ragged clown at the finish.

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Tea was served at 5.15 p.m., and toys were distributed by Sjt. Jackson, our time honoured Santa Claus, and after mothers had collected their small but energetic children, the entertainment came to a successful close.

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Our thanks are due to Mrs. Stephenson for the assistance she gave to the Committee, in the preliminary preparations.

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Cpls. Batey and McNichol are at present attending a Small Arms Course at Pachmari, we are wondering whether either

CAMEL TRANSPORT ON THE MARCH TO KASUR.

of this brainy pair will capture the elusive " D," to add to our increasing glories.

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We wish them every success.

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Lce.-Cpl. Jackson has proceeded to Poona on a Flag Wagging Course, we wish him every success, and hope he will come back bursting with knowledge.

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We congratulate Cpl. Purves on his gaining a First Class Certificate of Education, and Lce.-Cpl. Abbott on his gaining a Distinguished in Map Reading after previously obtaining a " D " in Maths.

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We congratulate Cpl. Noble on his promotion to Lce.-Sjt.; our loss is the Serjeants' gain. We also congratulate Lce.-Cpls. Galloway and Ramsey on their promotion to Corporal.

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Owing to us being at Brigade Camp the notes of the Fold will have to be curtailed, as nothing of interest has happened while we have been at Camp.

Promotions and Appointments.

4257078 C.S.M. F. Davis, " A " Coy., appointed Orderly Room Quartermaster-Serjeant, with effect from 1/1/30.

4257045 C.Q.M.S. J. Parkin, " C " Coy., promoted W.O.C.III. and appointed Company-Serjeant-Major, with effect from 1/1/30, *vice* Davis to O.R.Q.M.S.

7809642 C.Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) W. Moore, H.Q. Wing, relinquishes the appointment of Orderly Room Serjeant, with effect from 1/1/30.

7809642 C.Q.M.S. W. Moore, H.Q. Wing, absorbed into the establishment of C.Q.M.S.'s, *vice* Parkin promoted.

4257136 Sjt. E. Springate, H.Q. Wing, promoted Colour-Serjeant and appointed Company-Quartermaster-Serjeant, with effect from 15/11/29, *vice* Goodfellow reduced.

4256942 Sjt. H. Bosworth, H.Q. Wing, promoted Serjeant and appointed Serjeant-Master-Cook, with effect from 15/11/29, *vice* Springate to C.Q.M.S.

4256860 Cpl. J. Stephenson, " B " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Serjeant, with effect from 15/11/29, *vice* Springate to C.Q.M.S.

4264734 Lce.-Cpl. V. Middleton, " A " Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 15/11/29, *vice* Stephenson promoted.

4262788 Lce.-Cpl. W. Scott, " C " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 15/11/29, *vice* Middleton promoted.

4261877 Lce.-Sjt. J. Young, " A " Coy., promoted Serjeant, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Earle to U.K. on 20/11/29.

4257184 Cpl. A. Barrett, " A " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Serjeant, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Earle to U.K. on 20/11/29.

4262687 Lce.-Cpl. G. Rutter, " B " Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Barrett promoted.

4265325 Lce.-Cpl. G. Aitkenhead, " A " Coy., appointed paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Rutter promoted.

4262481 Lce.-Cpl. L. Cooke, " C " Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Boyle to U.K. on 20/11/29.

4264705 Lce.-Cpl. J. Atkinson, " C " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Cooke promoted.

4262729 Lce.-Cpl. W. Gillon, " C " Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Whitlam to U.K. on 20/11/29.

4264159 Lce.-Cpl. F. Loughlin, M.G. Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 11/12/29, *vice* Gillon promoted.

4262506 Lce.-Cpl. D. Morfitt, " C " Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 1/12/29, *vice* Cowley to U.K.

4264730 Lce.-Cpl. R. Arrowsmith, M.G. Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 1/12/29, *vice* Morfitt promoted.

4262671 Lce.-Cpl. A. McRae, " C " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Lye to U.K.

4263412 Lce.-Cpl. W. Dickenson, M.G. Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Summerside to U.K.

4263956 Lce.-Cpl. R. Fairs, " B " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Morton to U.K.

4264619 Lce.-Cpl. J. Topham, " C " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Stephenson to U.K.

4264718 Lce.-Cpl. T. Kerrigan, " B " Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Haynes to U.K.

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4263317 Lce.-Cpl. J. King, M.G. Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 17/12/29, *vice* Addison to U.K.

4265361 Lce.-Cpl. G. McQuade, "C" Coy., appointed Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 16/12/29, *vice* Blakey deprived.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
24th February, 1930.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from the following :—Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Bt. Lt.-Col. A. P. Garnier, Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, Capt. L. C. Thomas, Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, Lieut. B. Tarleton, Lieut. R. C. Stockley, 2nd-Lieut. P. Cruddas, 2nd-Lieut. E. B. Hart, Capt. D. D. Rutherford, Bt.-Lt.-Col. L. K. H. Finch, Lt.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, and Colonel K. G. Buchanan.

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Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., paid us his first official visit, since taking over command of the 1st Battalion, on 7th February.

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There are now two Squads at the Depôt, November Squad (strength 28) and February Squad (strength 28).

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The Squad now forming (present strength 25) should be ready to start training on 3rd March. A further Squad is then to be recruited for us.

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A Draft of 57 Other Ranks, for transfer to the Reserve or discharge, arrived from the 2nd Battalion on 20th February, and were disposed of the following day.

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Extracts from Depôt Orders :—

Postings.

4256556 Sjt. J. Chislett, posted from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty at the Depôt, 22/1/30.

4257414 Sjt. J. T. Greaves, posted for tour of duty at Depôt from 2nd Battalion, 20/2/30.

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The following were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated 18/12/30 :—

4267279 Fus. F. Charlton	4267221 Fus T. Cleet
4267242 Fus. W. Conwey	4447709 Fus. T. Gibson
4267248 Fus. W. Hine	4267251 Fus. L. Hogg
4266633 Fus. J. Hutton	4267263 Fus. A. Leitch
4267259 Fus. G. E. Lewis	4267333 Fus. G. Lonsdale
4267247 Fus. J. Marsh	4267240 Fus. C. J. F. McMillan
4267244 Fus. T. Robson	4267223 Fus. C. Stevens
4384702 Fus. L. R. Willis	

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Extension of Tour of Duty.

4258053 Sjt. Annison, Tour of Duty extended to 18/1/31.
4263097 Fus. J. Nicholson, Tour of Duty extended to 9/5/30.
749741 Fus. J. Barnes, Tour of Duty extended to 22/5/30.
4263449 Fus. P. Ellison, Tour of Duty extended to 27/2/31
1668371 Fus. Mathwin, Tour of Duty extended to 2/1/31.

Discharges.

4267149 Sjt. W. Marrs, discharged 24/2/30.
4266615 Fus. S. F. Keeble, discharged 15/2/30.

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The O.C. Regimental Depôt acknowledges with many thanks the undermentioned subscriptions to the Amsterdam Memorial Window Fund :—

	£	s.	d.
Bt. Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O.	1	1	0
Mrs. Forsyth	2	0	0

The Aid Society Ball.

The Aid Society Ball is to be held at the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, on Friday, 25th April, 1930. Tickets (25s. each) may be had on application to O.C. Depôt.

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Conri Tait will again provide the Band, and Messrs. Tilley's will be the caterers.

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The Depôt Serjeants' St. George's Ball will be held in the Garrison Gymnasium on Monday, 28th April.

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The following Territorial Courses have been held : –

Intelligence.—Students, 4th, 5th and 7th Battalions, 4 each ; 6th Battalion, 6.

Range Takers.—4th Battalion, 4 ; 6th Battalion, 6 ; 7th Battalion, 4.

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A Non-Commissioned Officer, in the person of No. 4257149 Sjt. W. Marrs, well known to hundreds of men who have passed through the Depôt, has this month completed his service with the Colours and been discharged to civil life. Sjt. Marrs had 23 years' service, and was Master-Cook at this Depôt for 11 years. As a Master-Cook he excelled, and there were probably few better at his job in the Army. A conscientious and hard-working Non-Commissioned Officer, who always had the interest of the recruits at heart, he will be much missed. During his period as Master-Cook at this Depôt he was on many occasions lent to Territorial Battalions and O.T.C. Units to improve their work in Camp, when he always gave unusual satisfaction. We wish him the best of luck in civil life, and are glad to hear that he has found work locally.

Association Football.

The following matches have been played in the Tyneside Wednesday League : –

8th January, 1930.– Depôt Fifth Fusiliers *v.* United Blyth, at Fenham. Result - Depôt Fifth Fusiliers 5, United Blyth, 2.

22nd January, 1930.- Depôt Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Leadgate Co-op., at Fenham. Result -Depôt Fifth Fusiliers 10, Leadgate Co-op. 0.

29th January, 1930.—Depôt Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Newcastle Co-op. Reserves, at Fenham. Result - Depôt Fifth Fusiliers 7, Newcastle Co-op. Reserves 1.

5th February, 1930.—Depôt Fifth Fusiliers *v* G.C.O. Birtley, at Chester-le-Street. Result—Depôt Fifth Fusiliers 6, G.C.O. Birtley 1.

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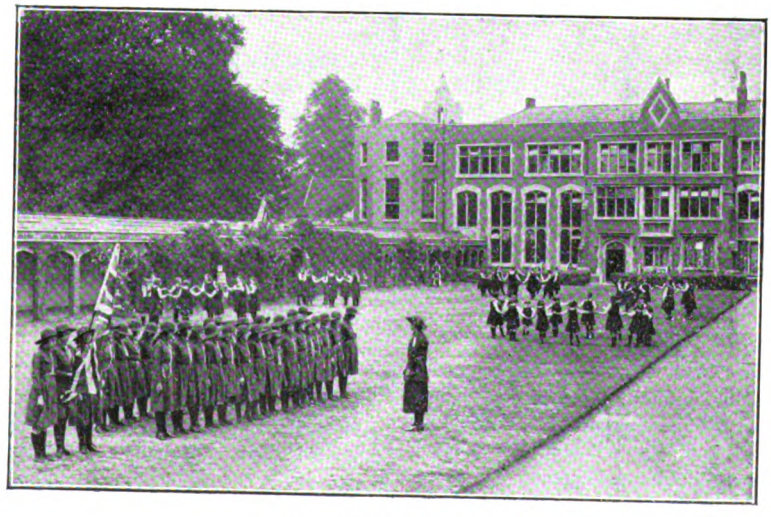

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Northumberland Mid-Week Cup, 2nd Round, 15th January, 1930.—Depôt Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Newcastle Co.-op., at Fenham. Result—Newcastle-on-Tyne Co-op. 4, Depôt Fifth Fusiliers 3.

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The Depôt team are top of the 2nd Division of the Tyneside Wednesday League, and the following are the results up to date :—

				Goals		
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Points
17	15	1	1	102	19	31

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn-on-Tyne,

24th February, 1930.

Inter-Company Boxing Competition.

OUR first Inter-Company Boxing Competition was held on Friday, 31st January. Owing to its being the first event of this nature ever held at Newburn and also due to some judicious advertising, the interest of the Newburn public had been thoroughly aroused, and at 7.30 p.m., when the first fight commenced, some 300 spectators were present in the Drill Hall. Good entries were received from "W," "Y," "Z" Companies and H.Q. Wing. Unfortunately "X" Company had been so imbued with the spirit of Locarno that they did not enter a team.

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The fighting throughout was clean and hard, and although the skill shown was very varied, all the combatants were alike in that they showed that they could give and receive blows in the best sporting spirit.

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Up till the interval the issue appeared very open, H.Q. Wing and "Y" Company being in front. On the resumption, however, "Z" Company rapidly drew ahead with a long succession of wins, and finally won by a fairly easy margin.

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The final scores were as follows :—

"Z" Company	26
H.Q. Wing	15
"W" Company	14
"Y" Company	13
"X" Company	nil

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Our thanks are due to Major Palmer, of the Royal Artillery, for officiating as referee, and to Mr. Clarke and R.S.M. Brocklesby for judging.

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This first annual competition was an undoubted success and aroused great interest, so we feel that now that the ice has been broken, the popularity of boxing in the Battalion should rise by leaps and bounds. We, at Newburn, were very pleased to see such strong contingents from Prudhoe and Haltwhistle, and heartily congratulate "Z" Company on being the first to have their names on the trophy, which will be presented in Camp.

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The winners and runners up in each weight are awarded individual prizes.

Middle-Weight. Finals.

No. 4264594 Fus. A. Bell ("Y" Coy.) beat No. 4266256 Dmr. T. Brown (H.Q. Wing).

Welter-Weight. Finals.

No. 4266085 Dmr. W. Dickman (H.Q. Wing) beat No. 3235005 Fus. J. Marmion ("Z" Coy.).

Light-Weight. Finals.

No. 4266433 Fus. M. Irwin ("Z" Coy.) beat No. 2967405 Fus. R. Hardy ("Y" Coy.).

Feather-Weight. Finals.

No. 4263420 Sjt. M. M. Delaney ("W" Coy.) beat No. 4266175 Fus. J. Watson ("Z" Coy.).

Bantam-Weight. Finals.

No. 4264118 Fus. N. Wailes (H.Q. Wing) beat No. 4266894 Fus. S. Cooper ("Z" Coy.).

Fly-Weight. Finals.

No. 4266896 Fus. W. Crowe ("Z" Coy) beat No. 4267194 Fus. J. Mackey ("W" Coy.).

Newburn Detachment.

February, 1930.

This month there has again been an outstanding feature, and again it has been boxing. Outstanding features are difficult things to write about, as most readers have now got used to the term itself from the notes of various other correspondents, and furthermore, they—the readers—must by now have realized that the mention of such features merely indicates that there is something protruding from an otherwise eventless month and which is to be recorded without apology.

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If the monthly notes are active and full of good matter, then there is no outstanding feature, and this goodly term is relegated for a metaphorical rainy day, which really means a dead month.

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From the foregoing then, you will understand that at Newburn the past month has been more or less a dead one. In this instance, however, it is pleasing to note that the boxing referred to above really was a feature and quite outstanding.

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It was the occasion of the Battalion Inter-Company Tournament, arranged primarily for the purpose of contesting the temporary ownership of our newly-acquired trophy, but there is an uneasy feeling about that this is also a simplified method of the Adjutant's for allocating points towards the Champion Company Cup.

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It rather savours of mechanical devices for early morning cups of tea and suchlike lazy habits, but don't take these words too seriously as they are the outcome of a consuming jealously.

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Anyhow, this boxing tournament took place at Newburn Drill Hall, on Friday, 31st December, and was a very great success, pugilistically, financially, and militarily.

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It was a marked success.

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Some of the marks are still on some of the boxers and some of the success is still in the bank.

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The tournament was such a very great and marked success that the Adjutant said that he would write notes about it; let us hope that he has done so, because there is not much space left here for any official descriptions.

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All Company teams (each representing six weights) did well except "X" Company. Unfortunately, "X" Company team (Fusilier——) was unable to be present; it was met in a tram car earlier in the evening going to a dance at Throckley.

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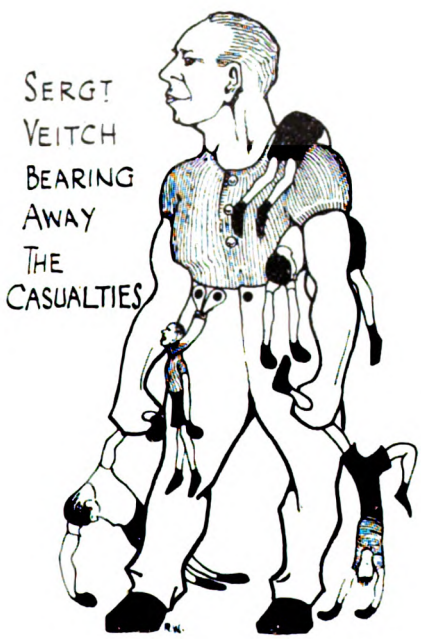
"Z" Company (Prudhoe Guards) were much superior and easy winners with a score of 26 points against H.Q. Wing 15,



"W" Coy. 14, "Y" Coy. 13, and as mentioned above, "X" Coy. nil.

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All Companies deserved their scores, and "Prudhoe" has our heartiest congratulations. We can only apologise for our weak resistance and promise to practice a bit for the next occasion.

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There was some very nice boxing and really nice sportsmanship was displayed; for description of fights, etc., see H.Q. notes.

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From a detachment point of view may it just be mentioned that we have valuable men in Sjt. Delaney, of "W" Company, and Dmr. Wailes, of H.Q. Wing, also we have a beautiful young, fair-haired giant whose clean, open and intensely friendly boxing is a delight to watch.

To vary the programme a little and also to allow some rest to our tired boxers, an exhibition three-round contest was arranged between a Mr. Thompson (red) and Mr. McKay (blue).

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The grisly bear won.

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Even in three-round contests there was one complete knock-out and quite a number of excessive fatigue cases. Sjt. Veitch proved to be a man of great physical enterprise at bearing away the casualties and depositing same in the recovery (wagon shed).

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The whole entertainment was good and far beyond our wildest hopes, and the excellence of the performance was indicated by the applause of a goodly three hundred spectators.

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It is a far cry from boxing to military training in the stricter sense, but the annual War Office memorandum on training has arrived in which we are told that it is a difficult thing for Company Commanders to execute the dual performance of training their Platoon Commanders and, at the same time, to have the latter train their Platoons, all inside twenty drills.

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Don't we just know it.

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To wind up these pointless and rambling statements, some pleasant news is to hand of the promotion of Major Watson and Lieut. Neville to these ranks—congratulations.

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Also, our Padre, the Rev. C. Milner, has accepted the living of Tynemouth, from whence we are pleased to hope that we shall see more and plenty of him.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
26th February, 1930.

NOW that the lighter and longer evenings are beginning to dawn, Sjt.-Majors are busy polishing up their belts, emery papering their rifles, and reading the little red books in preparation for the shooting season which is about to begin.

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The re-turfing of the billiard table (which the local marine store dealer would not carry away for us) has been put in hand, and the spring sewing of same is proceeding merrily.

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Certain Officers are to be seen frequenting Headquarters just now. These consist of the Subalterns who are attending a Junior Officers' Course, conducted by the Adjutant, every Tuesday and Thursday evening until 11th March.

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Most of them spend their time teaching the R.S.M. how to put a Lewis Gun together, much to that gentleman's edification. One enterprising Subaltern (engineer by profession) signified his intention of continuing his studies by means of these evening classes. Every piece of mechanism in the

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Armoury was manipulated, worked at low medium and full speeds, bearings oiled, and even the brass dials of the once sacred Vickers were twisted round. There is some talk of confiscating his two days' pay to the Mess Fund to pay for his tuition. Meanwhile, the Adjutant gives geometry lessons to backward pupils for a small sum.

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We extend our heartiest congratulations to our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., on his promotion to Brevet-Colonel, which was announced in the *London Gazette*, dated 22nd February, 1930.

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It is most pleasing to have to congratulate Major and Qrmr. E. W. Thompson on his promotion to that rank. Major Thompson has spent all his military career in the FIFTH, having joined the Regiment in 1893. He has served with both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, having seen service in South Africa and in France. In 1913 he joined the Permanent Staff of the 5th Battalion, was rapidly promoted. He received a Commission as Lieut. and Quartermaster in 1915, being later given the rank of Captain. Last year he reached the age limit, but was granted two years' extension.

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Among other medals, he possesses the King's S.A. Medal, the Queen's S.A. Medal, the Coronation Medal, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. We have rarely been able to get one over on Major Thompson, though oft we have tried, but he can usually be relied upon to wither with a glance anyone from an Inspecting Officer downwards.

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Our summer programme is now completed, and Musketry dates for this Battalion at Ponteland is as follows :—

6th April	" C " and " D " Companies.
13th April	H.Q. Wing and " B " Company.
1st June	" Recruits."
7/8th June	" A " (M.G.) Company.
15th June	" Recruits and Casuals."

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A week-end Staff Ride is to be held at Morpeth on the 14th, 15th and 16th March. This, the first of the year, we hope to be a successful canter for other work ahead. W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s are to join the Officers on the Sunday, arrangements having been made to convey them from Walker by bus.

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It is hoped to hold another Tactical Exercise in May.

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Company Commanders are due to reconnoitre the Training Area at Catterick on the 5th April.

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We congratulate our R.S.M., R.S.M. Tyrrell, on his extension of one year on the Permanent Staff. This makes his sixth year of sojourn with us, which continuity is all to the good of the Battalion in every respect.

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We are again having our War Games this year, the first to be held on Tuesday, 11th March, and the second on Tuesday, the 25th. Last year a certain Company Commander brought the War to a hasty conclusion by placing a " spot of bother " on the enemy headquarters situated on a pit heap near Ashington. As this, however, turned out to be his Battalion Headquarters, the Umpire and other sundry Brass Hats were put out of action and a truce was declared. This year hostilities are to recommence, and the issue will be fought to a finish.

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Officers' Conferences are to be held at Walker on alternate Tuesdays, begining on 11th March.

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The following N.C.O.'s attended the Platoon Serjeants' Course, which was held at the Depôt, North'd. Fusiliers, from 6th to 11th January, 1930, and received Satisfactory Reports :—

4258731 Cpl. J. Cook, " A " Coy.
4259823 C.S.M. W. Downey, " B " Coy.
4260945 Cpl. W. Bailey, " B " Coy.
4260333 Cpl. W. Hindson, " D " Coy.
4262010 Cpl. W. White, " D " Coy.

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The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men attended a Course on Intelligence Duties, held at the Depôt, North'd. Fusiliers, from 10th to 16th February, and received Satisfactory Reports :—

4260088 Fus. J. Brown, " A " Coy.
4264138 Lce.-Cpl. J. Lee, " B " Coy.
4260831 Fus. G. Lawes, " B " Coy.
4262834 Fus. W. Brownlee, " C " Coy.

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The undermentioned man attended a Course of Instruction in Horse Transport Duties held at the R.A.S.C. College, Aldershot, from 3rd to 15th February, and received a Satisfactory Report :—

4260247 Fus. J. T. Morrell, H.Q. Wing.

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A Machine Gun Course assembles at Walker on 3rd March, terminating on 8th March ; a M.G. Night Class assembles on the same date and will be carried out on Thursdays and Tuesdays after for 6 nights. A second Machine Gun Course of a week's duration follows the Course terminating on 8th March, assembling on Monday, 10th March.

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A Signalling Course for personnel of the Signalling Section and prospective Signallers will be carried out at Walker on Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing on Tuesday, 4th March, and will continue for 6 nights.

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A Lewis Gun Course for Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s assembles at Walker on 11th March, being held every Tuesday and Thursday after for 6 nights.

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A Boxing Competition is to be held at Gosforth Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, 7th March, when a good show is sure to be forthcoming. Interest in the Sport seems to be on the wane at Wallsend Drill Hall. A meeting was held to consider holding a competition on the 18th December last, but the writer has heard nothing of it since.

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We congratulate C.S.M. D'Orey, of the Permanent Staff at Wallsend, on being presented with the gift of a daughter on the 2nd instant, Ethel Veronica by name.

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6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
February, 1930.

SINCE our last notes the much-expected visit of our 1st Battalion from York has materialised, and we were delighted to find so many Officers of that Battalion in our part of the country for the boxing contests between our two teams.

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The evening was, from every point of view, a great success, and many congratulations are due to our own representatives for their performances in the Ring, and to Sjt. Henderson and his assistants who took so much trouble in training and keeping our men fit.

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There have really been so many kind assistants that it is difficult to thank them all in one breath, and to Mr. Mechan especially we are much indebted. Mr. Teddy Brown, of Forest Hall, was also exceedingly helpful.

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Altogether there was such a splendid amount of keenness and hard work put in before the contests themselves by everybody concerned, that there seemed every danger of helpers and spectators absorbing all the space in our Gymnasium required for training.

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The final score of 15 points to 10 in our favour was a great surprise to both sides, and we can only attribute our success to the fit condition in which our representatives were at the time, and to the fact that they are perhaps rather older than the Regular soldiers who arrived and have had rather more experience of contests in the Ring.

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Our opponents from York were certainly a splendid advertisement for the British Army, and we wish we could send our men to the Ring with some resemblance of their physique.

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We give, in another place, a separate account of the boxing, but from our own impression we may say that it was, all through, exceptionally well fought out. From first to last, there was not a single bad loser, and it was impossible to form a conclusion as to who was going to win, until after the first two rounds of every fight.

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Finally, so far as the boxing is concerned, we would like to convey a special message of appreciation to our 1st Battalion for the sporting spirit they have shown in travelling so far to meet us, and for providing by their appearance further encouragement to us all as Fusiliers.

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We would like also to echo our Commanding Officer's appreciation for the services Major Palmer and the other Officers so willingly rendered at the Boxing Ring, and for the assistance they have at all times so cheerfully supplied to us. Major Palmer had no easy task in controlling what was undoubtedly the biggest crowd ever seen in our Drill Hall, and one that was not entirely accustomed to the silence required for Army boxing.

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We are much indebted, too, to Mr. Shield for the very hard work that he put in, as it is only with careful organisation that an evening's boxing can be run. There are innumerable side points to think of, and right through all the contests not the slightest hitch occurred.

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We were honoured that evening by the presence at our Mess Dinner of Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.O.C. Northern Command, with his Chief-of-Staff, Colonel K. G. Buchanan, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., our Divisional Commander; with Lieut.-Col. K. A. M. Anderson, M.C., and Colonel W. A. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., our Brigade Commander.

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Our other guests at dinner that night were Lieut.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Commanding our 1st Battalion; Capt. K. A. Seth Smith, Lieut. T. H. Butterfield, Lieut. S. Enderby, Lieut. G. P. Hobbs, Lieut. J. A. Sperling, Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke, Lieut. C. Beckwith, and Lieut. R. C. Stockley, all from York; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Lieut. A. C. Collingwood and Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt from the Depôt; three of our late Commanding Officers, Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., Col. Eric Temperley, D.S.O., and Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Commanding the 4th Battalion, Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding the 5th Battalion, and Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Harold Robson, Commanding the 7th Battalion; Major A. E. Palmar, M.C., Lieut. C. P. Gregson and Lieut. G. E. M. Everett, all of the Royal Artillery; Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., the Chief Constable of the City (Mr. F. J. Crawley), Commander H. Little, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. R. Stephenson, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., Major H. R. McCulloch, D.S.O., and Flight-Lieut. H. Mechan.

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In last month's *Gazette*, when we bemoaned the absence of any engagements in our Mess, we hardly did justice to our younger members. Apparently the situation is not quite as desperate as we feared, and we are more than pleased to be able to tender our heartiest congratulations and good wishes to Capt. C. B. Carrick on his engagement to Miss Marchbanks; and also to Mr. P. Gardner on his engagement to Miss Dalgleish. We hope to see these ladies at all our usual functions, and welcome them into our Battalion life.

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We hope for more news next month, but are rather pessimistic. Those who are left are not much—our best flowers have all been gathered.

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The Drill Hall has been very busy during the past month with a Special Drill Course for Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.'s, under the control of C.S.M. Cornes. This Course has been very well attended, and the appearance of all who were present was thoroughly in accordance with what we expected from our N.C.O.'s.

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A Section Leaders' Course is now starting for the three Rifle Companies, four days a week until the 24th March. This, too, is well patronised, and we hope for good things as the result.

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Elsewhere we send some notes from the Machine Gun Company, and later in the season a Lewis Gun Course has been arranged,

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A Signalling and Transport Course is now in full swing, and Sjt. Shipley is much to be congratulated on the way he is preserving our harness and trappings during the winter. Few people realize that our harness requires constant attention by somebody from one year's end to the other. We hope to hear more about the Signalling Course in time for our notes next month.

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On Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th February, the "Laughter-Makers," a troupe from the Serjeants' Mess, is performing at our Drill Hall, and if they are anything approaching the standard they set up at Camp last year, they certainly deserve to have very successful evenings.

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On Friday, 28th February, and Saturday, 1st March, the Divisional Boxing Tournament takes place in our Drill Hall, and this will be duly recorded.

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Much sympathy is felt for our Commanding Officer, whose mother, one of the best of our Battalion friends, died on the 18th instant. Mrs. Wilkinson is one whom the Battalion will much miss. She had always been a most generous supporter of all our entertainments, and by her kindness and enthusiasm, did a great deal towards helping us in every possible way.

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A Battalion Whist Drive was held on Wednesday, the 19th February, over eighty of both sexes were present, and it was good to see so many of the Battalion at one of these functions. Now that our Club Room is really warm and comfortable, we hope always for as good an attendance at these entertainments.

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The winners were as follows :—

LADIES.	GENTLEMEN.
1. *Fus. E. Beeby	1. Lce.-Cpl. G. Tovell.
2. Miss M. Carr.	2. Fus. L. Downs.
3. Miss N. Batey.	3. Lce.-Sjt. W. Falcus.
1st Half. Miss N. Bulmer.	*1st Half.* Cpl. J. A. Bolton.
2nd Half. Miss R. Veitch.	*2nd Half.* Fus. J. J. Campbell.

* Playing as a lady.

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One of the periodical Battalion Dances was held on Wednesday, the 12th February. This, too, was well attended, and the music from our own Band was much appreciated. Over 150 were present; but there is plenty of room for more. We are much indebted to all who help at these Battalion entertainments—a deal of heavy spade work has to be done for every occasion, and the assistance given by the Junior Ranks to the Higher Authorities is very much appreciated. We are also much obliged to the Officers of H.M.S. *Helicon*, for the loan of flags and bunting.

Machine Gun Company.

The Machine Gun Company commenced its 1930 Training with a Course for Instructors, consisting of several evening Parades, and two Tactical Schemes on Sundays, the 9th and 16th February.

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Although our Senior M.G. N.C.O.'s are good gunners, improvements in their methods of instruction were needed in many cases, and everyone agreed that this Course was both interesting and very instructive.

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The two Sunday Schemes were to bring out the task of the M.G. Company in a Battalion Attack, and as that tireless army, "the Westlanders," happened to be holding Harlow Hill strongly, this gave an opportunity for our worthy gunners to try out their skill. We understand that the Hill was finally taken in time for a late lunch, and that in the vigorious pressing home of the Attack, one energetic Corporal pushed a wall over, and was partially buried under the debris. On each of these days, selected N.C.O.'s from the three Rifle Companies accompanied us in the dual rôles of spectators and critics, but despite this handicap and the weather proving fine, our natural optimism asserted itself, and the programme set was all carried out.

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The Company has now started a Course for Gun Detachment Commanders, and a new military term has arisen, namely, "Worts," but though still shrouded in mystery, we are assured that these are not the usual variety, and there is no need to invoke the aid of our Battalion Medical Officer.

Boxing.

Below is given an extract from the *Newcastle Daily Journal* :—

"Since the closing down of St. James' Hall, some months ago, followers of boxing in Newcastle have had few opportunities of witnessing a programme which promised to provide an interesting night's sport, and it was therefore not surprising that on Saturday evening the floor at St. George's Drill Hall was almost crowded with military and civilian lovers of the "noble art." The programme, which had drawn such numbers to the Northumberland Road Hall, was a unique one, as for the first time on record a team representing a Regular Battalion was meeting that of a Territorial Battalion. The Regulars were men of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, from York, and their opponents representatives of the 6th (Newcastle) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.).

"The men from York came with a great reputation. Last year they were champions of the Regular Army. The city men also had earned for themselves some honour, for included in their ranks were a number of Territorial Army champions.

"In all, nine contests at various weights were decided, and at the end the honours went to the Territorials by 16 points to 10, a victory gained by the success of their representatives in the light-weight division.

"The tit-bit of the evening was the meeting at catch-weights of two 'big men,' Lieut. C. Beckwith (1st Battalion) and 2nd-Lieut. W. H. S. Stephenson (6th Battalion). This was won by the 6th representative, but it has to be said that Beckwith was an unlucky loser.

"In the second round the Regular was down three times for short counts, but continued to fight back well, and, connecting with a left hook to the head, he had his opponent decidedly groggy on the ropes. At this stage, the referee entered the ring and appealed to the crowd to maintain better order, and the halt in the proceedings enabled Stephenson to recover, with the result that in the next round the referee was again called upon to enter the ring, but this time to stop the fight in favour of Stephenson.

"The meeting of Fus. Gullon, fly-weight champion of the

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Territorial Army, and Fus. Cranner, of the 1st Battalion, also created considerable interest. The Regular had a big advantage in height and reach, but Gullon was the more experienced man. The nearest Cranner came to winning was in the last round, when he landed a heavy right uppercut, which shook Gullon badly. The latter, however, was a good points' winner.

"At the conclusion, Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion, introduced Lieut.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute, who presented the prizes. The results are appended :—

"*Fly-Weight.*—Fus. Lonergan ("B" Coy. 6th Bn.) beat Fus. Marshall ("A" Coy. 6th Bn.), on points.

"*Bantam-Weight.*—Fus. Gullon (6th Bn.) beat Fus. Cranner (1st Bn.). Cranner had a big advantage in height and reach, but Gullon was the more experienced, and won well on points.

"*Feather-Weight.*—Fus. Farrow (1st Bn.) beat Fus. Anderson (6th Bn.), on points.

"*Light-Weight.*—Fus. Mulligan (6th Bn.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Irving (1st Bn.), on points. Fus. Beresford (6th Bn.) knocked out Fus. Mason (1st Bn.) in the third round. Fus. Gordon (6th Bn.) knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh (1st Bn.) in the second round. Fus. Smurthwaite (6th Bn.) knocked out Fus. Riley (1st Bn.) in the first round.

"*Welter-Weight.*—Fus. Morton (1st Bn.) beat Fus. C. Marshall (6th Bn.) on points. This was a hard fight. In the opening stages a heavy right to the jaw shook the Regular, who quickly recovered, and using both hands freely, soon levelled matters. Morton forced the fighting in the second round, but Marshall fought back strongly when hard pressed on the ropes. Morton was a narrow winner on points.

"*Middle-Weight.*—Fus. Colpitts (6th Bn.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe (1st Bn.). Sharpe was unlucky to be disqualified for an alleged low punch in the first round.

"*Catch-Weights.*—2nd-Lieut. W. H. S. Stephenson (6th Bn.) beat Lieut. C. Beckwith (1st Bn.), the referee stopping the contest in the third round.

"The officials were :—Referee, Major E. A. Palmar, M.C. (Royal Artillery); Judges, Lieutenants G. P. Gregson and G. E. N. Everett (Royal Artillery); Timekeeper, Lieut. C. W. H. Hunt (1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers); M.C., R.S.M. J. O'Hara; Recorder, Mr. G. B. Shiel.

"Prior to the boxing the Band of the 6th Battalion North'd. Fusiliers rendered a selection of music."

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Please write on ONE side of paper only.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

24th February, 1930.

AS forecast in these Notes last month, we have had a round of social-recruiting activities, and reports of these most successful events appear later under the respective Detachment Notes.

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We have had a further series of Courses at the Regimental Depôt, viz. :—

INTELLIGENCE.—Four other ranks, from the 10th to the 15th February.

RANGE-TAKERS.—Four other ranks, from the 16th to the 22nd February.

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Both Courses were thoroughly enjoyed by those participating.

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The Lewis Gun Courses, running in the Drill Halls at "A," "B" and "C" Companies, and the Machine Gun Course for "D" Company are still going strong, and being well attended.

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Each Company has now fired in the Miniature Range Competitions, and the results are anxiously awaited.

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Every Team has fired well, and most of the results are far ahead of last year's. Particularly does this refer to the Headquarter Team from Alnwick, and we really believe that this team will win both the Competitions.

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We hope to be able to announce this as a fact next month.

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Otherwise all is quiet on the Northumberland Coast, but there are loud wails of Economy in the Territorial Army.

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This time it is chiefly clothing, and our grants are to be cut down.

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Is this the thin end of a new wedge with the object of abolishing the whole movement, or even the Army all together?

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Economies in the Territorial Army have been carried out ruthlessly and frequently since the reorganization after the War, and if it is meant to keep a really wonderful organization together, and even moderately up to strength, plus being efficient, great care should be taken in carrying what may be a laudable object too far. For one can clearly see that there is a point beyond which economies cannot be effected. If this point should be passed it is no longer a matter of economy —but disruption.

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We might get a paradoxical state of affairs—a really cheap Territorial Army on paper which did not exist at all!

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This would never do.

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"Expenditure to be cut by £210,000"—so say the headlines.

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We are told that careful consideration has been given to the various methods it is proposed to adopt; and while it is agreed that constant reductions in the grants do not tend towards smooth running, those decided upon are the least likely to effect efficiency.

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So much so good. But we hear all sorts of rumours about cutting down the training—giving us only a week's camp annually instead of 15 days, or having camp only every other year, and such like.

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Rather than anything of that nature we would like to suggest having "Battalion" Camps once in a way. A lot of money is spent in transporting a Division to its training area, and money might be saved in having camp nearer home sometimes. We, of the 149th Brigade, have been to places as far apart as Pwllheli, North Wales, and Hartley, Northumberland.

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Battalion Camps could be made a great success in our area. In a county like Northumberland you have every possible type of country imaginable, suitable for training in almost any type of warfare.

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Take Moorlaws, for instance. What could be better than the surrounding country?

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Of course, as in everything else, there are drawbacks, the chief one we can see being that we would be too near home, some of us being literally on our doorsteps.

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Thus we would neither get change of scene, beer, sweethearts, nor shops!

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But apart from all that—Camp *is* Camp, and we would simply have to concentrate on making things so comfortable inside that those who felt the proximity of home ties too exacting would not wish to leave its precincts.

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Another disadvantage would be that we would lose the benefit of Brigade training; and it would also be impossible (or nearly so) to have Air and Tank Demonstrations, etc., etc. Even more important we would sorely miss not having the other Units beside us—we would feel very much alone and lonely.

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But there should be really good sound possibilities of real beneficial training.

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Alternate years a Brigade Camp might be held—not too expensive a railway journey away from Northumberland—and occasionally we might indulge in a grand splash, say a Divisional Camp at Catterick, or a Brigade Camp at some nice holiday resort.

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We notice from the Press that this year many Territorial Battalions are going to Camp alongside their Regular Big Brothers. It seems to be becoming quite a recognized thing—and very sound too.

We understand our 1st Battalion will be in camp at Catterick in June when we are there, and we are greatly looking forward to having them beside us for our real soldiering fortnight.

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Our strength to-day is 21 Officers and 514 Other Ranks.

Ashington Detachment.

On Friday, 7th February, "B" Company held a Smoking Concert in the Drill Hall, in aid of recruiting. An excellent programme was arranged by C.S.M. Clare and C.S.M. Wade, the latter being Chairman. The artistes consisted mostly of past and present members of the 7th Battalion, and ex-Sjt. Devon, who unfortunately lost a leg whilst serving with the Battalion in France, was the Star Turn of the evening.

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The following assisted towards the success of the evening:—Capt. W. C. W. Potts (O.C. "B" Company), ex-Sjt. Devon (7th Battalion), Fus. Jackson, Mr. Taggart and Mr. Hamilton (of the British Legion), the Brothers Aitchison (ex-Tyneside Scottish), Mr. Darbyshire (ex-7th Battalion), ex-Sjt. Sutton (1st Battalion), ex-C.Q.M.S. Charlton and ex-Fus. Moran (7th Battalion).

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One hundred and five were present, and the attendance would have been much larger, but numerous members of the Company being on night-shift were prevented from coming.

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The Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Quartermaster were present.

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The Colonel made a short speech on the necessity of the Territorial Army, and spoke of the type of recruit required in this Company.

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At 10 p.m. there was an interval, during which refreshments were served—the catering arrangements being in the capable hands of Mrs. Clare.

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As all good things must come to an end, this enjoyable evening broke up at 11.30 p.m., the programme being concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

Amble Detachment ("C" Company).

On Friday, 24th January, a very successful Dinner and Dance was held in the Drill Hall.

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Seventy-one were present at the dinner, and later 360 took part in the dance which followed.

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Our guests were the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, the Quartermaster, and the R.S.M., together with Mr. G. Pullen, D.C.M., and Mr. W. Casey, M.C.

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We were specially glad to have Mr. Casey amongst us. He is a good Old Fusilier, and was the first Permanent Staff Instructor in our present Drill Hall—long years ago now.

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Some of the guests arrived in Capt. Carr-Ellison's new car, and they were heard discussing their good fortune in arriving at all; and arguing as to whether they would not rather walk home in preference to being "transported."

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However, the evening and the appurtenances thereof must have had a mellowing effect—since there were no audible complaints on the return journey.

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Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, our Company Commander, with great capability, officiated as Chairman.

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The Hall was very tastefully decorated by a committee, working under C.S.M. Greaves.

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The Toast list was as follows:—

The King. Proposed by the Chairman.

Our Guests. Proposed by the Chairman, and replied to by the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant.

The Battalion. Proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by the C.O.

The Company. Proposed by the C.O., and replied to by the Chairman.

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Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m., and continued right on until 2 a.m.—Mr. E. Sanderson's Orchestra rendering a fine selection of dance music.

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The catering was very efficiently carried out by the Amble Co-operative Society.

"D" Company (Berwick).

The At Home Machine Class is still running, and is being very well attended.

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Four N.C.O.'s and men left us on the 16th to be instructed in the art of "making a coincidence" at the Depôt.

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The Miniature Range Competition was held on the 29th January, but without very good results. Although we do not expect to be anywhere in the running, the members of our team are quite confident of what they would do if they could fire the competition over again.

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The Annual Dance of the Chatton Platoon was held at Chatton on 24th January. There was a large company present, and the very small hall was packed to overflowing. In spite of this everyone voted it a great success. Sjt. Rutherford and his committee are to be congratulated on the success of their venture.

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The Wooler Platoon will hold their Dance on 6th March, and the Berwick Detachment on 7th March.

Alnwick Detachment.

Our Recruiting Dinner and Dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday, the 31st January, and we cannot do better than quote the following extract from the local papers:—

"On Friday night the Alnwick Drill Hall, the Headquarters of the 7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), presented a scene of social revelry, the occasion being the second Annual Dinner for Officers and men, promoted by the Alnwick Detachment. There was a large muster and the event proved most successful.

"The interior of the hall had undergone a complete transformation and was magnificently bedecked with streamers and a profusion of evergreens. The walls were beautifully draped with red, white and blue, the utmost care having been exercised to leave exposed the many battle-honours painted on the walls. Serjeant-Major Dipper, D.C.M., efficiently supervised the arrangements.

"Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, Company Commander, occupied the Chair. There were also present Major Cowen, M.C., Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Adjutant, Lieuts. R. J. Middlemas and J. F. Simpson, and Lieut. and Quartermaster C. J. J. Samwell.

"The Fusiliers having gathered at the tables, ex-Quartermaster-Serjeant J. Byrnes (5th Fusiliers) played the 'Officers' Call' on the Northumberland pipes, and when the Officers had taken their places, sounded 'Cookhouse.'

"After the dinner, the Chairman proposed the health of 'The King,' which was loyally honoured by the company.

"In proposing the health of 'Our Guests,' the Chairman said that it gave him very great pleasure to propose this toast. In so doing he desired to intimate that the Commanding Officer could not be there, owing to other engagements. He was very sorry indeed that he could not attend, because last year he enjoyed himself tremendously.

"They were very fortunate indeed in being able to welcome the Second-in-Command, Major Cowen, who had spoken in that hall a great many more times than he (the Chairman) had. He would also like to make reference to Mr. Byrnes. They were very glad to see Mr. Byrnes there that night and to welcome him and his pipes. (Applause.) While he was talking about their guests he wanted to include a very hearty reception to the permanent staff of the other companies. It did give them the greatest pleasure to see them there that night. (Applause.) They had a permanent staff which they were very proud of. (Applause.)

"He did not know if all of the company who were there that night realized the fact that they were one of the very fortunate Battalions who had all their permanent staff drafted from the Regular Battalions. There were many other Territorial Units who were not half so fortunate as they were and they could appreciate what it meant to have a first-class man, the very best they could get from the 1st Battalion to look after them. (Applause.)

"Responding, the Adjutant thanked the company. He also wished to endorse the Chairman's thanks to Mr. Byrne for playing his pipes,

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" He hoped that every Territorial present would get a few more men if possible to swell the ranks.

" With regard to shooting, the speaker wanted to congratulate the team who had been shooting under Mr. Middlemas on the very fine show they put up. They would take a bit of beating. (Applause.)

" The Chairman then said it was his duty to propose the health of the Battalion. In doing so he realized that he was addressing a company of soldiers who were more associated with the Battalion than any other Company.

" What they were doing they were doing for the Battalion, and he wanted the members of " C " Company to put up the best show they possibly could and produce all the soldiers they required for next year. It was up to them and they would do it ; he was convinced they would. He urged them to bring their friends to that Company and Sjt.-Major Dipper would look after them. All they wanted were fellows who were their friends.

" ' As the dance goes on to-night,' continued the Chairman, ' try to do a little bit for us. You will be doing what I want you to do for the Battalion because we are here to help the Battalion and we recognise the Battalion as being of one of the finest Regiments that remain in the British Army.' (Applause.)

" Responding, Major Cowen said he was very sorry Colonel Robson was not there that evening because he would have enjoyed himself very much amongst them.

" He would just like to say one or two things about the British Army in general. The armed forces of the British Army were not really large when one considered the enormous extent of frontiers of the British Empire which they had to keep. A few years ago we had a war, and although we won it we were now paying for it. The fact of the matter was that this country did most in the war, and we were the only people making any attempt to pay for it. (Applause.)

" Great Britain was the leading country in the world and was trying to induce all other nations to give up any idea of future war. Although we were practically the only country in the world that needed a big navy, our Prime Minister was telling everyone that we were prepared to scrap our Navy. Unfortunately other countries wanted to have as large navies as they could get.

" The British Army could be likened to an insurance policy. Those of us who had anything worth keeping generally paid an insurance company to protect them in case it was burnt or stolen, and the Army was practically the same. We paid our soldiers to take the risk, but we were not insured to the full extent at present. Our Army was very small at the present time, but what there was of it was good. In the 7th they had really a very fine show, and nobody could deny that they were able to hold their own against all other Units and were able to come out on top.

" As Captain Carr-Ellison had told them, they must have recruits of the right quality. They had the privilege of serving their country, and that was surely worth doing. The Battalion had had a very proud record since it was formed in 1908, and it now rested with those in the Battalion to keep that record up, and make it better, and this he had hoped they would do.

" Major Cowen also proposed ' The Company.' ' C ' Company had always been a very fine Company. He did not know how many times they had won the Drill Shield.

" Mr. Byrnes then rendered selections on his pipes, evoking hearty applause,

" At the conclusion the Chairman thanked the piper, and also those who had made the hall so bright and comfortable.

" After the dinner a company of about 300 enjoyed dancing into the small hours of the morning.

" Sjt. T. Young and Dmr. T. R. Patterson acted as M.C.'s.

" The caterers for the dinner were the Amble Co-operative Wholesale Society."

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,

February, 1930.

WE have been asked to review a book called " The Cavalry Went Through," a novel of the war as it might have been, written by Mr. Bernard Newman and published by Messrs, Victor Gollancz, Ltd. (7s. 6d.). We have read the book with considerable interest and more than a little fascination. The impression it gave us was like unto one of those beautiful dreams, wherein one floats about without effort and performs the most wonderful and graceful evolutions, sometimes on the ice, sometimes on a ballroom floor, and always in some such similar environment, when one is the admired hero of a number of less graceful onlookers. The hero of the book, starting as the Colonel of a scratch Colonial Corps of picked men, brought to fight in France after a successful campaign in Africa, introduces what the author imagines to be a new ideal of intensive scientific warfare. His efforts are rewarded by the most wonderful success from the word " go," and he rises rapidly to become C.-in-C., and his final success is crowned by absolute victory and the end of the war in 1917. The author himself as a Staff Officer to this superman, plays the rôle of a sort of Dr. Watson to a Sherlock Holmes. The whole idea is very well carried out, even to footnotes purporting to be extracts from other war works. Though we cannot agree with the opinion of Mr, John Buchan (printed on the envelope) that the work " deserves to be made a handbook at a Staff College," yet we feel sure that a staff college student would join with any other soldier in enjoying this book as much as he doubtless enjoyed Sherlock Holmes. The two works are similar in the way in which everything always goes most gloriously right.

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The St. George's Riddell Scholarship at Wellington College has been awarded to Mr. R. M. Archer, son of Lieut.-Col. H. W. Archer, late 5th Fusiliers.

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We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. Price 10/- each.

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Mrs. Carr-Ellison
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Mr. J. Twigg

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

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Lieut. H. Hopper
Mr. Charles Sanford
Capt. H. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

I have received the following letter which will, I am sure, be of interest to your readers.

Yours truly,
R. S. J. BOOTH,
Lieut.-Col., Commanding 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers.

CHRIST CHURCH HOUSE,
GROENBURGWAL 42,
AMSTERDAM,
18th February, 1930.

DEAR SIR,

I thank you very much for the two copies of the *St. George's Gazette*, containing such interesting and complimentary account of your visit to Amsterdam and The Hague. May I say—but only to induce you to think tenderly and kindly of Christ Church in the future—that the idea was the Church's idea, and the whole thing—affection and interest—was the Church's. The official action came in towards the end (very willingly and enthusiastically, of course), because official action became necessary toward the end of the matter.

The British Association also welcomed the opportunity to co-operate by having a reception ; though the hospitality for the Officers was arranged on account of the Church, and before the British Association commenced to function.

You will understand me, I am sure. It was the heart of the Church that spoke from the beginning, and to the end ; and Christ Church hopes that you will always feel affection for her, as the shrine of your Regiment in Amsterdam and the happy possessor of a sign of your deep interest in Holland and the Dutch people.

Yours sincerely,
W. W. LUCAS.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

London Area.

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th January, at Headquarters.

There were about 40 members present, including Col. D. Sapte, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Major B. T. St. John, Capt. J. Laing and Capt. J. T. Rowland.

The Chair was occupied by our President, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes.

1. The minutes of the last General Meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary and accepted.

2. The Hon. Secretary made his report of the progress of the Association for the past year. In doing so he laid emphasis on the distress which still unfortunately dodges the footsteps of some members of the Association, owing to the prevalent unemployment, and detailed cases where the Association had been able to give a helping hand in finding jobs. He appealed again to all who may be in a position to do so to procure work for Old Comrades who are out of it.

His statement as to the flourishing condition of the Branch was most encouraging.

3. The annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet was produced by the Hon. Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte, who gave a detailed explanation of our receipts and expenditures. It was proposed by W. R. Ahronson, seconded by Mr. O. A. Gibson, and carried unanimously :—

That the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet as furnished be passed.

4. The whole of the Officers who had served during 1929 offered themselves for re-election, and it was proposed by Capt. J. Laing, and seconded by Mr. J. Weston :—

That Officers and Committee who had served during 1929 be re-elected for 1930,

which resolution was carried unanimously.

5. The Hon. Secretary reported that St. George's Day Celebration will be held at the same rendezvous as last year, the Headquarters of Westminster Dragoons, Elverton Street, Westminster.

The Wreath Ceremony would be on Sunday, the 20th April.

A special Committee was being formed to arrange for both these functions, and each member would receive a notification with full particulars in due course.

The Hon. Secretary appealed to all members to make every effort to be present at these functions, most particularly the parade on the Horse Guards and the Wreath Ceremony, to enable the Association to have a good muster worthy of the Fighting Fifth.

6. *Annual Report and Balance Sheet.*—Copies of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Roll of Members will be published in due course.

We regret to report the death of one of our young members, namely Mr. C. G. Went, late 2nd Battalion, which occurred on the 16th November, 1929. Unfortunately intimation of his death was not received until 23rd January and consequently we were unable to arrange for the Association to be represented at the funeral.

Particulars of his Service are not to hand, but it appears that he was discharged from the Regiment in 1928, and was well known in India by many of our young members.

A letter of condolence was sent to the deceased's relatives by the Honorary Secretary on behalf of the Association, expressing their deepest sympathies.

7. *General Meetings.*—The next General Meeting and Dance will be held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 9th April.

It was noted with great pleasure that the Dance after the last General Meeting was well attended, there being upward of 200 present, and in this direction the Committee have not lost sight of Mr. A. E. Edwards' proposal at the last General Meeting to endeavour to obtain a rendezvous to enable us to hold our General Meetings and Socials on a Saturday evening. If this could be possible it would doubtless be the means of many more members being able to attend, because in a large city like London people have considerable distances to travel from their employment to their homes, which makes it nearly impossible for them to be present on a weekday.

Would all serving Fusiliers about to be discharged from the Regiment and who propose to become resident in or near London, remember the advisability of joining the O.C.A. on discharge. Filling up the card issued to them does not make them members, though some seem to think that this is so.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1929.

1929.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31—	Printing and Publishing	482	8	7
	Block Striking	53	19	0
	„ Donations	3	3	0
	„ Editorial Expenses (including Postage, Stationery, Audit Fee, etc.	103	5	2
	„ Profit for year transferred to Balance Sheet	306	4	1
		£948	19	10

1929.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31—	By Subscriptions and Donations ..	168	17	1
	„ Bound Volumes	22	0	0
	„ Gazette Sales	454	8	11
	„ Advertisements	282	14	7
	„ Deposit Interest	20	19	3
		£948	19	10

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CREDITORS—						
Subscriptions paid in advance ..	56	1	0			
Printing Blocks, etc.	45	7	3			
Postages and Telephones	2	11	11			
Editor, for services for year to date in accordance with Agreement	306	4	1			
				410	4	3
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—						
Balance as at 31st December, 1928	676	0	9			
Add—Profit for year to date ..	306	4	1			
	982	4	10			
Less—Amount due to Editor for services for year to date—as per Agreement	306	4	1			
				676	0	9
				£1,086	5	0

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DEBTORS—						
For *Gazette*	37	3	0			
„ Subscriptions	2	0	0			
„ Advertisements	127	2	6			
„ Bound Volumes ..	9	10	0			
				175	15	6
FURNITURE, ETC.—as last Account ..				5	0	0
CASH AT BANK—						
On Current Account	299	14	8			
„ Deposit Account	600	0	0			
				899	14	8
CASH IN HAND				5	14	10
				£1,086	5	0

B. T. ST. JOHN, *Major*,
EDITOR.

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8th February, 1930.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

No. 567.] **Monday, 31st March, 1930.** **[Vol. XLVIII.**

The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
31*st March*, 1930.

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It is particularly requested that all contributions intended for insertion be sent so as to reach the Editor NOT LATER than the 25th of each month, in order to allow of punctual publication, and that contributions be written on ONE SIDE only of the paper.

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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers:—

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"The Sapper"
"The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps"
"The Wire"
"The L.R.B. Record"
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"On the March"
"The Dragon"
"The Snapper"
"The Royal Tank Corps Journal"
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"Faugh-a-Ballagh"
"Our Empire"
"The Green Howards Gazette"
"The Bugle"
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"The Tiger and Sphinx"
"The Hampshire Regimental Journal"

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and payments for *Gazettes*, etc., from:—

Mr. F. Parkinson	to 1.31	P.R.I., 1st Battalion	*Gazettes*
Capt. A. O. Plummer ..	„ 2.31	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.	„ 3.31	Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.	*Bound Vols.*

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Colonel W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., from half pay, to be G.S.O., 1st Grade, Northern Command (dated 22nd March, 1930).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 5th December, 1929); Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley to be Captain (dated 23rd November, 1929).

The following Lieutenants to be Captains, under the provisions of Art. III., Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1926 (dated 23rd November, 1929):—T. Bennett, M.C., R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.

2nd-Lieut. A. D. Bryant (University Candidate), from General List, T.A., to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 29th March, 1930), with seniority 3rd September, 1928.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Capt. C. H. Steel, M.C. (dated 31st January, 1930); Lieut. D. Story (dated 22nd January, 1930).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following Officer Cadets, from Leeds University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C., to be 2nd-Lieutenants:—J. C. Hutchinson (dated 8th March, 1930); G. H. Foss; C. A. Atkinson (dated 12th March, 1930).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn. D. S. Jackson (late Cadet Serjt., Durham School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 26th March, 1930); T. H. Birkbeck (late Cadet Lce.-Cpl., Oundle School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 5th March, 1930).

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Obituary.

Mr. J. Townsend.

We regret to have to record the death, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, of J. Townsend, who served for 21 years in the 1st Battalion, and was discharged to pension in 1905. He was admitted to the Royal Hospital as an in-pensioner in April, 1929. After his discharge from the Regiment he held an important post at Messrs. Doxford's Shipbuilding Yard, Sunderland, for 20 years, until his health gave way. For the past three years he has been an invalid.

Townsend was a man of sterling worth and character, and invariably gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was one of the best of soldiers, and threw his whole energy into whatever work he undertook.

The funeral took place at Brookwood on 21st March, and was attended by Colonels Sapte and Dashwood, Mr. W. Scott and Mr. Harvey. His near relatives, owing to living in Ireland, were unable to attend. Wreaths were sent by his brother and sister, Mr. Scott, the Old Comrades' Association, and Colonel and Mrs. Dashwood.

Miss Mary Ridley.

We would like to take this opportunity of offering our deepest sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Mary Ridley, who died suddenly this month, after an operation. During the war Miss Ridley did a tremendous amount for the Regiment at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, when she was in charge of an "Information Office" (started in the early days of the war under the auspices of the then Lord Mayor); from start to finish of the war she assisted in helping in various ways thousands of the wives, relatives and dependants of men of the Regiment, and in many cases men themselves. For her services in this connection she was rewarded with an M.B.E. Many of the large number of people she has helped will deeply regret to hear of her death. Her whole life was spent in assisting others.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

March, 1930.

WILL ANY RETIRED OFFICER OF THE REGIMENT WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED AN INVITATION FOR ST. GEORGE'S DAY KINDLY COMMUNICATE WITH THE P.M.C., 1ST BATTALION FIFTH FUSILIERS, FULFORD BARRACKS, YORK.

The last month has been one of tactical exercises without troops, winter study conferences, and promotion examinations. So one of us at least—Captain G. J. W. Gatehouse to wit—has been quite in his element.

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The weather has done its best to interfere with the outdoor work, and with shivering bodies, numbed fingers, and soaking maps, we have at times had cause to remember the words of Sir John French: "The darker the night, the more inclement the weather, the better the exercise."

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The battles of Aubers Ridge, Fistubert, and Loos have been sorted out, and the situation is now well in hand. On the 25th, 27th and 31st, Battalion meetings are being held, when we shall endeavour to explain before the Commanding Officer and others whether the teachings of F.S.R. were applied, and if not, the cause and effect of such omissions.

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On the 16th, the Colonel was President of the Board for the promotion examination—Lieut. to Captain, Subject "A." Major Sutherland was a member, and Capt. Gatehouse Acting-Staff Officer to the President. Fifty-nine candidates presented themselves for examination, necessitating an unusually large Board and considerable organisation and work beforehand. This was left in the hands of the President and his Staff Officer, ably assisted by the Adjutant. For some days the Orderly Room was a regular hive of industry, and we rather gather the result was a model of how it ought to be done.

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We congratulate the following on their success in passing the examinations as stated:—

Capt. L. C. Thomas on obtaining .8 Subject "C" (Captain to Major); Lieut. Laing on obtaining Q.1. on the Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

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QUALIFIED FOR PROMOTION TO SERJEANT.

4256823 Cpl. Green ("Y" Coy.).
4264325 Cpl. Shields ("W" Coy.).
4440955 Cpl. Nicholson ("W" Coy.).

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FOR APPOINTMENT TO PAID LANCE-SERJEANT.

4336529 Cpl. Naylor ("Y" Coy.).
4263787 Cpl. Broadhead ("Y" Coy.).
6454975 Cpl. Young (H.Q. Wing).

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FOR PROMOTION TO CORPORAL.

4263854 Lce.-Cpl. Thompson ("X" Coy.).
4258062 Lce.-Cpl. Brown ("W" Coy.).
4265381 Lce.-Cpl. Penalnua ("Y" Coy.).
294659 Lce.-Cpl. McHale ("W" Coy.).
4265858 Lce.-Cpl. Smith ("W" Coy.).
4266587 Lce.-Cpl. Metherill ("Y" Coy.).
4266533 Lce.-Cpl. Rogers ("X" Coy.).
4262841 Lce.-Cpl. Johnson (H.Q. Wing).
4263798 Lce.-Cpl. Stockton ("Y" Coy.).
4265798 Lce.-Cpl. Murphy ("Z" Coy.).
4265808 Lce.-Cpl. Thompson ("W" Coy.).
4265541 Lce.-Cpl. Adlard ("Y" Coy.).
4266597 Lce.-Cpl. Crowdy ("Y" Coy.).

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In the Field of Sport we have not been idle. Success has forsaken our Boxing Team, for the time being, but, good sportsmen that they are, they struggle on, and with a little more experience will give a very good account of themselves.

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On 31st March and 1st April a triangular Boxing Competition is being held, between the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., and ourselves. There are two teams competing from each Unit—a novices' team, and an open team. In addition to this we are providing eight special four-round contests. This should provide valuable experience for our young boxers and, we hope, bring to light some hidden talent.

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The Running Team did well in the Northern Command Cross-Country Run, and are to be congratulated on obtaining third place. If the tail, which plays such an important part in the winning or losing of a race, can be improved, we may expect to rise to greater heights next year.

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The Football Team is in strict training for the Semi-Final of the Army Cup, on the 26th, in which we meet the Rifle Brigade. We hear they are bringing up 23 Serjeants and 167 Other Ranks to watch the match, which indicates that their hopes are running as high as are ours. It will require a very good team to beat us, and should be a match well worth seeing. In this respect we are fortunate in being within such easy reach of the ground.

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The Bayonet Fighting and Tug-of-War teams are also hard at it, in preparation for the Northern Command Bronze Medal Tournament, in which we are competing on the 25th and 27th. Full details of all sporting events will be found under their respective headings.

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On the 20th we dined with the Officers of the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., who, as we have previously mentioned in our notes, have been honorary members of our Mess since 1899, and this is the first time we have met in the same station since.

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We were pleased to receive visits from Col. Herbert and Capt. Wombwell during the month. Col. Herbert was looking as fit as ever, but we were rather " staggered " to see " Freddy " looking so thin after his recent illness. He has only just returned from India, so we hope the change of climate will do him good and that he will soon join us as hale and hearty as of old.

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Capt. and Mrs. Seth-Smith visited Ireland during the month, where they met many old friends of Ballykinlar days, and, we understand, managed one or two days with the local hounds.

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On the 28th a general exodus will take place in the direction of Aintree, after which win, or lose, our attention will be concentrated on St. George's Day.

Boxing.

Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 2nd Bn. The King's Regt.

Having progressed, by means of a bye and a walk-over, to the Semi-Final of the Northern Command Boxing Championship, we fought our first and last contest on 8th March.

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It will be remembered that for the last two years we had defeated The King's, each time by a single point, so that the event was rather in the nature of a needle match. That it would develop into a procession of inanimate bodies—ours—was unexpected.

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The following are the details :—

Welter-Weights (*3rd string*).

Pte. Jones knocked out Fus. Armstrong in the first round.
Fifth Fusiliers 1 pt., King's Regt. 2 pts.

Light-Weights (*1st string*).

Bdsmn. Brooks beat Lce.-Cpl. Irving in the third round. Irving failed to stand up to some very hearty body punching.
Fifth Fusiliers 2 pts., King's Regt. 4 pts.

Light-Weight (*2nd string*).

Lce.-Cpl. Smith beat Fus. Mason on points. This was a good fight. Mason had to give away several inches in height. The result was in doubt up to the end.
Fifth Fusiliers 3 pts., King's Regt. 6 pts.

Welter-Weights (*2nd string*).

Fus. Morton beat Pte. McGuiness on points. Morton completely outclassed his opponent, but seemed to lack punching power.
Fifth Fusiliers 5 pts., King's Regt. 7 pts.

Welter-Weights (*4th string*).

Pte. Derwin knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Langley in the first round.
Fifth Fusiliers 6 pts., King's Regt. 9 pts.

Middle-Weights (*1st string*).

Lce.-Cpl. Davis knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe in the second round. Sharpe seemed to be doing very well, until he ran into a heavy right to the jaw.
Fifth Fusiliers 7 pts., King's Regt. 11 pts.

Light Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton knocked out Pte. Christian in the third round. Stockton after being down in the first round, went after his man in a merciless manner, and quite outclassed him.
Fifth Fusiliers 9 pts., King's Regt. 12 pts.

Bantam-Weights.

Bdsmn. Fairhurst beat Fus. Cranner in the third round. Cranner put up a very good fight against the runner-up of the Army Championships.
Fifth Fusiliers 10 pts., King's Regt. 14 pts.

Feather-Weights (*1st string*).

Dmr. Avis knocked out Fus. Farrow in the second round. Farrow stood up well to a much stronger man.
Fifth Fusiliers 11 pts., King's Regt. 16 pts.

Middle-Weights (*3rd string*).

Lieut. W. D. F. Laing beat Lieut. T. A. Davies in the third round.
Fifth Fusiliers 13 pts., King's Regt. 17 pts.

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Middle-Weights (*2nd string*).

Bdsmn. Jackson knocked out Fus. Smith in the first round.

Fifth Fusiliers 14 pts., King's Regt. 19 pts.

Light-Weights (*3rd string*).

Fus. Riley was disqualified after the first round.

Fifth Fusiliers 14 pts., King's Regt. 21 pts.

Heavy-Weights.

Sjt. Drennan knocked out Lce.-Cpl. McHale in the third round. McHale stood up to some terrific punching from a much older and more experienced man. He has the makings of a good fighter.

Fifth Fusiliers 15 pts., King's Regt. 23 pts.

Feather-Weights (*2nd string*).

Lce.-Cpl. Chorley beat Fus. Messop on points. Another very promising display from a young boxer.

Fifth Fusiliers 16 pts., King's Regt. 25 pts.

Welter-Weight (*1st string*).

Lce.-Cpl. Jones knocked out Fus. Ardle in the second round. Ardle was outclassed, but took a lot of punishment unflinchingly. At the moment he lacks a punch.

Final Result—King's Regt. 27 pts., Fifth Fusiliers 17 pts.

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We were beaten by a team which, man for man, was older and more experienced. Our team is very young, and rather missed the stiffening of some of the older generation we have had for the last two or three years. Confidence, which only time can bring, will go a long way towards making them into a side which will worthily represent the Regiment in future.

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In addition to the team competition reported above, we provided a number of special four-round contests during a novices' competition, held by the Fifth Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, on 5th and 6th March.

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The following fought :—

Fus. Mason lost on points.
Fus. Farrow lost on points.
Fus. Armstrong won by a knock-out in the second round.
Lce.-Cpl. Langley lost—knocked out in the first round.
Fus. Smith fought a draw.
Fus. Shearer lost—knocked out in the first round.

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Cpl. Stockton represented the Army of the North, at Catterick, on 15th March, and defeated his opponent on points in a six-round contest.

Cross-Country Running.

The Northern Command Cross-Country Run took place at Catterick, on 7th March, and our team did well to obtain third place.

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The 2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt., who won, put in an exceptionally good team.

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The following represented the Battalion :—

2nd-Lieut. C. R. M. Threlfall; Cpl. Bellwood; Lce.-Cpls. Johnson, Metherill, Usher, Elliot, Lees; Fusiliers Pinder, Massey, Whiley, Harnett, Sinclair, Monat, Clarkson and Creed. *Reserve*—Fus. Grasby.

The course was similar to last year, but perhaps a trifle shorter. The hilly nature of the country placed our team at a slight disadvantage, since the ground available for training near York is very flat. This was expected, and efforts had been made to overcome the difficulty, to some extent, by running longer distances. The surface was good, with the exception of one or two places where tanks had ploughed up the ground, and a fast pace was maintained throughout.

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The final placing of the teams was as follows :—

1.	2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regt.	196 points
2.	2nd Bn. The King's Regt.	301 ,,
3.	1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers	669 ,,
4.	Training Bn. Royal Corps of Signals	680 ,,
5.	2nd Bn. The Leicestershire Regt.	697 ,,
6.	4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps	749 ,,
7.	Depôt The North Staffordshire Regt.	800 ,,
8.	The Rhine Signals	1,111 ,,
9.	2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regt.	1,122 ,,

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Cpl. Bulwood and Lce.-Cpl. Johnson are to be congratulated on coming in fourth and fifth respectively. Credit is due to Capt. Scanlan, who has taken considerable trouble in selecting and training the team.

Football.

1st Team Notes.

YORK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIVISION I.

Position in Table—Top in League of 13 :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
20	16	3	1	111	31	33

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We have carried out four League engagements this month, one being played at home and the remaining three away.

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On 22nd February we met Malton Town for the third time this season, having won the previous encounters by a big margin, our team took things rather too easily and were late in finding out their mistake, thus enabling the team at the bottom of the League to snatch two valuable points from them and running out winners by two goals to one. Scanlan scored our only goal.

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On 1st March we met Rowntrees, our nearest rivals for the League Championship. Losing the toss, Hughes kicked off, the game was played at a fast pace, and our combination was perfect; we were rewarded by Bell scoring in 32 minutes, this was followed by Hughes adding two further goals in the remaining 15 minutes before half-time. On resuming, the FIFTH bombarded their opponents' goal, the ball hitting the crossbar several times before Hughes added two more goals for the FIFTH. Result—5th Fusiliers 5, Rowntrees nil.

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On 8th March we were entertained by Knaresborough, the present champions of the League, in the return match of the season. In this game our forwards had an off-day and could not find the net; Knaresborough scored through their centre forward, and Young replied with rather a lucky goal, the ball cannoning off the left back into the net. In this game

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we recorded our first drawn game in 40 matches (except for cup ties). Result—5th Fusiliers 1, Knaresborough 1.

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On 22nd March we met New Earswick at home. In view of the coming Army Cup Semi-Final we hoped that the team would go all out. Rowntrees beat New Earswick by 8 goals to 1, and we beat Rowntrees by 5 goals to nil, so an easy victory was anticipated. The game was very one-sided, and we ran out easy winners by 13 goals to 1. Hughes 5, Young 2, Caldwell 2, Bell, Charlton, Postle and Malcolm 1, were our scorers.

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YORK AND DISTRICT SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL.

On 15th March we met Knaresborough on Rowntrees' ground, in the Semi-Final of the Senior Cup. Having drawn the week previously, a keen tussle was expected; such was not the case, however, as we were able to score three goals through Hughes (2) and Malcolm (1), in the first half, and were content to rest on our laurels, running out easy winners of an uninteresting game by 3 goals to 1.

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Goal scorers to date :—

Hughes	69	Postle	2
Scanlan	43	Malcolm	2
Caldwell	17	Stobbart	1
Young	17	Smart	1
Bell	9	Charlton (*back*) ..	1
Kellett	6		
Charlton (E.)	3	Total	172
Peppiatt	2		

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Our record to date is :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against
32	28	3	1	172	51

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Cpl. Scanlan, our inside right, has not turned out in the last five matches owing to injuries, it is hoped to have him fit for the Army Cup match, as he is missed very badly. A man that can score 43 goals in 26 matches is bound be to missed.

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The team for the Semi-Final of the Army Cup will be selected from the following :—Fus. Craig, Fus. Charlton, Fus. Dennison, Lce.-Sjt. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. E. Charlton, Cpl. Bell, Cpl. Scanlan, Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, Fus. Young, Dmr. Caldwell, Fus. Postle, Fus. Malcolm, Cpl. Stobbart, and Cpl. Pennock.

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2nd Team Notes.

We have taken part in three League matches this month, each of them being played away from home.

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On 1/3/30, we met the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards "A" team, and were defeated by 5 goals to 1. Brown scored our only goal. Dunn was injured early in the second half, and was unable to resume.

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On 5/3/30, we met the Co-operative for the third time this season, and were successful by 8 goals to 2. Livermore (4), Brown (3), and Sinclair (1) were our scorers.

On 12/3/30, we met and were defeated by York Wednesday by 7 goals to 2. Sinclair and J. Wilson scored our goals.

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We meet York Ramblers in the Semi-Final of the local Charity Cup.

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Goal-scorers to date :—

Postle	14	Babington	4
Malcolm	11	Sinclair	3
Brown	11	Gregory	2
Dunn	9	Shields	2
Livermore	7	Seven others, 1 each ..	7
		Total	70

Northern Command Bronze Medal Tournament.

The Northern Command Bronze Medal Tournament came upon us at rather short notice this year, and endeavours to raise teams and fit in their training with the usual Chinese puzzle of winter activities, has taxed the ingenuity of those responsible, not a little.

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A bayonet fighting team is assembled, begins training, makes progress, and then the Officer responsible discovers that about a third of the team *must* sit for an education examination on the day of the tournament. Material is collected for a tug-of-war team. All goes well for a few days, and then it begins to become incredibly difficult to assemble a dozen men at the same time to train.

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The upshot has been that we have entered one 110 stone tug-of-war team, and one bayonet fighting team. It was not considered feasible in a fortnight to raise and train a 130 stone team as well. The only entries for the 110 stone competition are ourselves, 2nd East Surreys (believed to be good), and the Leicesters (an unknown quantity). We drew a bye in the first round and pull the winners of the Leicesters and East Surreys on the 27th. The team is working hard under Captain Pemberton, and hopes at least not to disgrace our tug-of-war reputation.

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The following are training :—Captain Pemberton, Lce.-Sjt. Naylor, Cpl. Stobbart, Cpl. Thompson, Lce.-Cpl. Adlard, Lce.-Cpl. Wetherill, Lce.-Cpl. Irving, Lce.-Cpl. Drake, Lce.-Cpl. Elliott, Lce.-Cpl. Lees, Fus. Spearman, Fus. Cranner.

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The bayonet fighting team also draws a bye in the first round, in company with the King's and East Lancs. They first fight on 25th, and if successful again on 27th.

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The following are training under Mr. Yorke :—Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Threlfall, Sjt. Ross, Sjt. Forrester, Lce.-Sjt. Waterhouse, Cpl. Madgen, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Lce.-Cpl. Anderson, Lce.-Cpl. Hanlon, Fus. Ward, Fus. Adamson, Fus. Boyd, Fus. McHale, Fus. Howard, Fus. Pinder, Fus. Robson (81), Fus. Hannan, Fus. Roper.

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Hunting.

We regret that there were no hunting notes in last month's *Gazette*, but our usual correspondent was on leave.

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The hunting season is now drawing to a close, and we must count ourselves lucky in having had such a good season, though last month we were stopped two days by frost.

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Sport has been good, and those of us who have been out with the Bramham Moor on a Friday can indeed count themselves lucky, as almost without exception they have provided sport above the average.

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We must congratulate Mr. Enderby on selling "Poor Pat," and although he has parted with a good horse, we feel his bank balance has received a good fillip.

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We were all sorry that Mr. Butterfield's grey mare, after going so well, has had to be laid up owing to an injury, but we trust he may perform in the Point-to-point next year.

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Capt. Seth-Smith also had the misfortune to lose his young horse "Old China," but he quickly replaced it and hopes for the best.

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We may add, that after a journey to Epsom, Mr. Enderby has produced a complete race-horse (!), which before he came to his present abode had won a steeplechase in Ireland; we wish them both the best of luck!

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The Bramham Moor Point-to-point was to have been held on 18th March. We all assembled, only to find the meeting had been postponed, owing to snow; it has since been abandoned, as the weather seems unlikely to improve.

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Mr. Enderby was riding his own horses in two races, and Capt. Seth-Smith had two going in the Military race, on one of which Mr. Butterfield had a mount. We must look forward to the galaxy of point-to-points next month, and hope the weather will improve.

Sergeants' Mess.

York,
March, 1930.

We are all very busy just now rehearsing for St. George's Day, which we all hope will be a bigger success than ever.

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We tender our congratulations to the following on their promotions :—

Sjt. Croft to C.S.M.
Lce.-Sjt. Starbuck to Serjeant apptd. A/Drum-Major.
Lce.-Sjt. Forrester to Serjeant.
Lce.-Sjt. Ross to Serjeant.
Cpl. Smart apptd. paid Lce.-Serjeant.
Cpl. Dixon apptd. paid Lce.-Serjeant.
Cpl. Naylor apptd. paid Lce.-Serjeant.
Cpl. Waterhouse apptd. paid Lce.-Serjeant.

We take this opportunity of welcoming the four new members to the Mess.

Our monthly Entertainment still continues to draw a good crowd of people, and the prize-winners at the last one were :—

WHIST.

LADIES.		GENTS.	
Mrs. Illing	178	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	176
Mrs. Suds	176	*Mrs. Robinson ..	168
Mrs. Hunt	171	*Mrs. Hudson ..	167
Mrs. Hall	136	Mr. Birrell	136

* Playing as gent.

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Our thanks are due to Mrs. Rowsell for kindly presenting the prizes; also to C.S.M. Carlin and his committee on the splendid way in which all the functions have been carried out during the past season.

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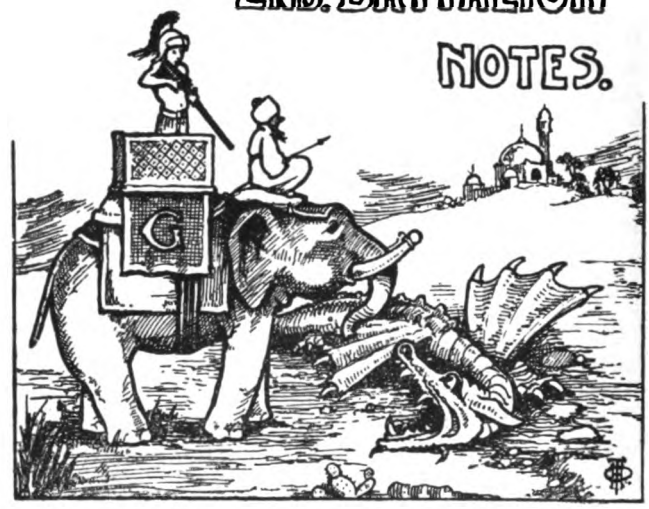
Congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Croft on the birth of a daughter on the 22nd March. We are pleased to hear all are keeping well.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Kasur Camp,
February, 1930.

AN apology is perhaps the best thing to start with in writing the notes for this month, as we are in the very middle of the most crowded four weeks of the year, both in work and sport, and if a full account of everything was attempted, the patience both of the Editor and the reader would be exhausted.

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At the end of the last week in January the Indian Cavalry Polo Tournament commenced, and finished on 7th February. Play, as was to be expected, was of the usual high standard, and some remarkably close games took place, one of the best being between Probyn's Horse and the Central India Horse, who won the Tournament last year.

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The Final, between the C.I.H. and the 19th Lancers, was most exciting, and resulted in a win for the latter by one goal.

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On 6th February our Polo Team went off to Bareilly to

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play in the Infantry Cup, and were very unfortunate to draw the Royal Welch Fusiliers (the eventual winners) in the first round. However, they only beat us 2—0 after a very hard and exciting game. The team then entered for the Bareilly Handicap Tournament, and defeated the Guides in the first round, but were beaten by one goal by The Buffs in the Semi-Final. A full description of the play is given elsewhere.

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All the Tournament games played by our team this season have had very close results, and in none have we been very much outclassed, a fact which reflects great credit on the members of the team, who had little or no opportunity of collective practice, as Mr. Ingledew lives in Delhi, and the Battalion has spent over a month of the cold weather in camp.

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Major and Mrs. Carroll-Leahy left for England, on ten months' leave, at the end of January, closely followed by Capt. Plummer; we wish them all a very pleasant leave.

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The Regimental Sports were held on 29th and 30th January.

A Scene in Camp at Kasur.

A description of the difficulties encountered by the Sports Officer and the competitors in preparing for them, will be found at the end of these notes, together with a list of results.

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At the moment of writing (17th February) we have just completed the first day of the Lahore District Athletic Sports Meeting, to-morrow being the final day; and it is hoped that an account of them will be ready in time to catch the mail. The Hampshire Regiment, as usual, have a remarkably fine team, especially in the long distance track events.

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We are in the Final of the District Football Competition, having defeated the 7th Armoured Car Company of the Royal Tank Corps by three goals to nil, and the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers by two goals to one, after extra time had been played. The last game was a very close one and most exciting to watch; the backs on both sides played remarkably well, and each goalkeeper executed some brilliant saves. The Final is to be played on 19th February against the 12th Field Brigade R.A.

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As well as, or rather in spite of, this welter of sport, the training of a host of Musketry Casuals, N.C.O.'s promotion examinations, and practice for A.R.A. competitions goes on from dawn to dusk, but not without let or hindrance.

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Capt. Trenam arrived on 16th February looking extremely fit, and we are very glad to have him with us. He brings the number of hearty welcomes up to three for the cold weather; it will be remembered that we noted two in November, and apologised for the phrase without detracting from its genuineness.

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A grave omission in our January notes was the fact that we neglected to congratulate R.S.M. D. V. Redhead on his well-earned promotion to Lieut. and Quartermaster; and our very real sorrow at the impending departure of Capt. Wombwell is tempered by the fact that his successor is so readily available and so well known to us all.

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Capt. Wombwell leaves for the U.K. on 19th February, on posting to home establishment on account of ill-health, and we wish him the pleasantest of voyages and a very speedy recovery on his arrival home. All he has done for the Regiment is well known to everyone, and it is with the very greatest regret that we part with so old and esteemed a friend. We wish him and Mrs. Wombwell the longest and happiest of lives, and trust that they will take every opportunity of paying us a visit when we eventually reach England.

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On the second day of the District Sports, the Hampshire Regiment succeeded in winning; the Norfolk Regiment second; and ourselves third. It is hoped to include a full account of the sports in our next notes.

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In the Final of the District Football Competition, we were beaten 3—2 by the 12th Field Brigade R.A. after a most exciting game.

The Regimental Sports.

The Sports were held this year a bare ten days after Camp, in order that the Battalion Team could be selected before the District Sports Meeting early in February. As a result, Companies had a rush to pick out their best performers, and competitors had little or no time for training.

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The Sports were observed purely as an athletic meeting, and were held on the Brigade Parade Ground. No entertaining took place.

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Times were, perhaps, improved by the disappearance of our Boxing Officer on leave, so that at the last minute only one stop watch was to be found.

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Pioneer-Sjt. Jackson triumphed against the usual difficulties that beset those who lay out sports grounds. The original circular track, laid out by the amateur at such tasks, was found on measurement to be several yards too small. Before the ground was roped, bullock carts, loaded with heavy iron girders, delighted in cutting across the course on every occasion when nobody was looking and made deep ruts, which required filling in. Finally, the Cantonment water lorry, circling the

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track to lay the dust, proceeded to give a demonstration of a movie rainstorm, and nearly washed away the finishing points, before the driver could be persuaded to check the flow.

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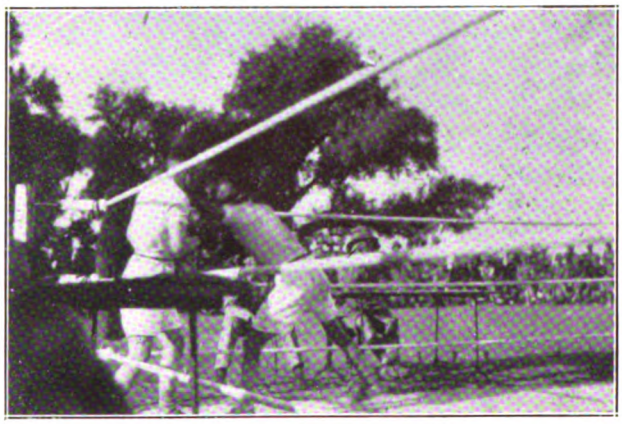
At the conclusion of the team events on the second day,



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Mrs. Foster kindly presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up of the Individual events, and the winning teams of the Inter-Company team events. The Inter-Company Challenge Cup was won by "D" (M.G.) Company, who are to be congratulated on their success.

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS.

Results :—

100 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, 2, Fus. Watson, 3, Lce.-Cpl. Broxham, 4, Fus. Miller. *Time*, 10 2/5 *secs.*

Mile.—1, Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, 2, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson, 3, Fus. Cullen. *Time*, 5 *mins.* 1 4/5 *secs.*

Quarter-Mile.—1, Fus. Watson, 2, Cpl. Wooll. *Time*, 57 *secs.*

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, Fus. Watson, 2, Fus. Atkinson, 3, Cpl. Galloway. *Time*, 17 4/5 *secs.*

220 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, 2, Lce.-Cpl. Broxham, 3, Fus. Miller. *Time*, 23 3/5 *secs.*

Half-Mile.—1, Lce.-Cpl. McCarthy, 2, Lce.-Cpl. Macklam, 3, Lce.-Cpl. Wilson. *Time*, 2 *mins.* 14 1/5 *secs.*

Long Jump.—1, Fus. Leech, 2, Fus. White, 3, Fus. Atkinson. *Distance*, 19 *ft.* 9½ *in.*

High Jump.—1, Fus. Atkinson, 2, Fus. Watson, 3, Fus. White. *Height*, 5 *ft.* 7 *in.*

Putting the Shot.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Rosemurgey, 2, Fus. Throssell, 3, Fus. Dhobie, 4, Lce.-Cpl. Larkman. *Distance*, 32 *ft.* 2½ *in.*

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INTER-COMPANY TEAM EVENTS.

440 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy., 2, "C" Coy., 3, "B" Coy., 4, "D" (M.G.) Coy. *Time*, 3 *mins.* 57 1/5 *secs.*

Putting the Shot.—1, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 2, "A" Coy., 3, "B" Coy., 4, "C" Coy. *Distance*, 61 *ft.* 10½ *in.*

Long Jump.—1, "B" Coy., 2, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 3, "A" Coy., 4, "C" Coy. *Distance*, 36 *ft.* 5 *in.*

880 *Yards.*—1, "C" Coy., 2, "A" Coy., 3, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 4, "B" Coy. *Time*, 3 *mins.* 11 *secs.*

100 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy., 2, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 3, "C" Coy., 4, "B" Coy. *Time*, 44 *secs.*

High Jump.—1, "B" Coy., 2, "C" Coy., 3, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 4, "A" Coy. *Height*, 10 *ft.* 3 *in.*

Mile.—1, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 2, "C" Coy., 3, "A" Coy., 4, "B" Coy. *Time*, 5 *mins.* 14 1/5 *secs.*

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 2, "B" Coy. *Time*, 1 *min.* 19 2/5 *secs.*

220 *Yards.*—1, "D" (M.G.) Coy., 2, "A" Coy., 3, "B" Coy., 4, "C" Coy. *Time*, 1 *min.* 43 *secs.*

TOTAL POINTS COUNTING TOWARDS INTER-COMPANY CUP.

"D" (M.G.) Company	27 points
"A" Company	22 ,,
"B" Company	20 ,,
"C" Company	18 ,,

Open Half-Mile.—1, Aircraftsman Stephens (R.A.F.); 2, Pte. Candler (Hampshire Regt.). *Time*, 2 *mins.* 28 *secs.*

Boys.—220 *Yards.*—1, Boy Fox; 2, Boy Wyles; 3, Boy Gibson.

Indian Platoon, 220 *Yards.*—1, No. 7020 Sepoy Pertab Singh; 2, No. 6047 Lce.-Naik Bharat Singh.

Boxing.

The annual Inter-Company Boxing Tournament was held on 23rd and 24th January, and although we missed many notable exponents who have left us during the present trooping season, boxing was of a high standard. There were many really good, hard fights, and a feature of the tournament was the number of bouts which were won by the k.o. route.

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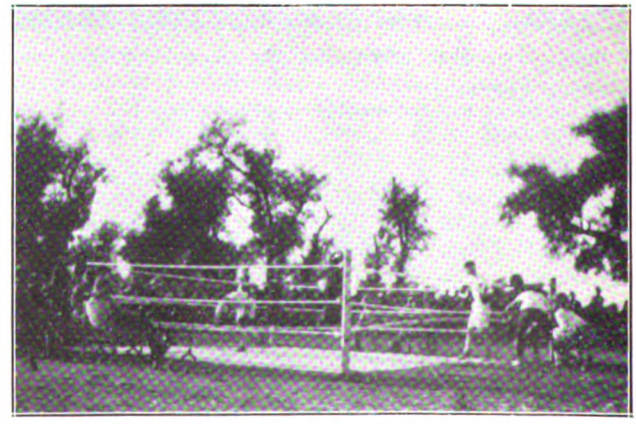
Prominent among the newcomers was Fus. McKie, and his performances during the tournament indicated that we shall



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find him a very useful Welter-Weight to take his place in the Battalion team, which at the moment is in training prior to the District tournament, which is scheduled to take place at the end of February.

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The outstanding fight of the first session was that between Fus. Jamieson ("B" Company) and Fus. Marshall ("A" Company), in the Light-Weight series. The pair fought to a standstill, Marshall winning by a narrow margin of points after three gruelling rounds in which the ability to take and give a hit was established by both men. Jamieson was subsequently awarded the Best Loser's prize.

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Fus. Travis and Lce.-Cpl. King provided the best fight of the concluding session. King was up against a much more experienced opponent, but Travis did not have things all his own way, and there were times when King had the better of the exchanges. The third round found King considerably weakened, and although he gamely withstood some punishing blows and continued to get up for more, he was beaten when the Referee intervened.

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At the conclusion of the tournament the Cups were presented to the winning team, "D" (M.G.) Company, and to individual winners, by the Commanding Officer, who congratulated the

BOXING AT KASUR.
Mr. Foster separates two anxious hitters in the Company "Mill."

contestants on their good performances and said he was pleased to see that there was a number of likely men to replace the Regimental boxers who had left the Battalion during the present trooping season.

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The results were as follows :—

Bantam-Weight. Semi-Final.

Fus. Smyth ("C" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Kelly ("A" Coy.) in the third round ; Fus. Carroll ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Fus. Kelly ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the third round.

Bantam-Weight. Final.

Fus. Carroll ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Fus. Smyth ("C" Coy.) in the second round. Smyth put up a good fight against his more experienced opponent.

Feather-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Proctor ("C") Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. McCall ("B" Coy.) in the third round ; Fus. Seymour ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Fus. Cornforth ("A" Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Augustan ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) beat Fus. Scorer ("B" Coy.) on points.

Feather-Weight. Semi-Final.

Fus. Proctor ("C" Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. McRae ("C" Coy.), the latter retiring at the end of the second round ; Fus. Seymour ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Fus. Augustan ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the first round.

Feather-Weight. Final.

Fus. Seymour k.o. Fus. Proctor in the first round. There were only a few exchanges before Seymour made an opening to get in a right to the point.

Light-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Smith ("A" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Dowdell ("B" Coy.) in the second round ; Fus. Marshall ("A" Coy.) beat Fus. Jamieson ("B" Coy.) on points ; Fus. Guest ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Arrowsmith ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) on points after an extra round.

Light-Weight. Semi-Final.

Fus. Wright ("C" Coy.) beat Fus. Smith ("A" Coy.) by a narrow margin of points after a good bout ; Fus. Marshall ("A" Coy.) was awarded the fight against Fus. Guest ("D" (M.G.) Coy.), who had to scratch on medical grounds.

Light-Weight. Final.

Fus. Marshall beat Fus. Wright by a narrow margin of points. A splendid fight, with very little to choose between the pair.

Welter-Weight. First Series.

Fus. McKie ("C" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Fenwick ("A" Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Travis ("A" Coy.) beat Fus. Miller ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) on points ; Lce.-Cpl. King ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) beat Fus. Donachie ("B" Coy.) on points.

Welter-Weight. Semi-Final.

Fus. McKie ("C" Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Suggett ("B" Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Travis ("A" Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. King ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the third round, after the best fight of the afternoon.

Welter-Weight. Final.

McKie beat Travis by a small margin of points. A gruelling bout with both men striving for a k.o. throughout the three rounds.

Middle-Weight. First Series.

Fus. Leach ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Larkman ("A" Coy.) on points ; Fus. Laverick ("B" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Muir ("A" Coy.) in the second round.

Middle-Weight. Semi-Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Burns ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Fus. Beck ("B" Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Laverick ("B" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Leach ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the first round.

Middle-Weight. Final.

Fus. Laverick k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Burns in the first round. The winner sparred for an opening and knocked his man out with a right upper-cut.

Catch-Weight. First Series.

Cpl. Shotten ("B" Coy.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Throssell ("B" Coy.) in the first round ; Fus. Black ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) k.o. Cpl. Higgins ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the second round.

Catch-Weight. Semi-Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Rosemurgey ("A" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Cowell ("A" Coy.) in the first round ; Cpl. Shotton ("B" Coy.) k.o. Fus. Black ("D" (M.G.) Coy.) in the second round.

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Catch-Weight. Final.

Cpl. Shotton k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Rosemurgey in the first round. Rosemurgey tried to mix it, but Shotton boxed his man and finished the fight with a well-timed right.

Sergeants' Mess.

February, 1930.

It is about time someone in the Mess did something desperate and gave the writer something to write about; although if anything unusual did happen we suppose no one would dare look up from his paper or book in case he lost the place. We have a comfortable little Mess, but, as we remarked, no murders or fires ever occur. Walk into the Mess on Thursday or Sunday night, and there everyone sits, feet up the chimney, immersed in the Sunday papers. Drop a pin on the table and it would be heard a mile off, but woe betide the fellow who dares put the gramophone on. We would not be in his boots for a pension. They look such gentle creatures snuggling into their armchairs, but what ferocious animals when they have been disturbed.

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It woke us up a bit hearing about that station of enchantment, Shanghai, from the Norfolk Regiment, who came to stay with us for a day on marching through Lahore to Sialkot, from Kasur Camp. Those chaps can tell some tales. What gloriously hard times they must have had on active service in the Shanghai cafés and dance halls, etc. We felt awfully sorry for them—and the hardships they've gone through—although we won't grumble if we are sent there ourselves this next trooping season.

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Sometimes items do crop up and we get a little laugh. For instance, everybody laughed at the caterer with his black eye at the dance we held in the Mess on the 1st February. Also "Ted" Young caused a little merriment conducting the Band, all dressed up in his red jacket and broad red stripes. Those Charleston legs of his nearly tied themselves in knots.

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It wasn't a bad dance on the whole, and when the lights went up after the "tap fox-trot" one couldn't tell whether he was at a dance or a meeting of a green hand gang. The green-wash from off the wall makes a fine imprint on one's back.

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Our old friend "Danny" Bowker has rejoined us again. He has still as much cheek as ever, in fact more, as he now resembles a small barrel. Married life and scrounging at the Depôt agree with him all right, although we cannot all be born lucky, as old women tell us.

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We aren't 'arf getting posh in the Mess nowadays. Badges of St. George and the Dragon are being worn on the sports coats, also there is an awful smell of crossed guns round "Ritchie," now that he has taken up the rôle of S.I.M. Anyone wanting to solve conundrums about the L.G. or rifle, interview "Ritchie," but don't let him take you on bayonet fighting; he cocks the action.

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Did we mention last month that "Skipper" had risen to the dizzy heights of Full Serjeant? No, we didn't. Well, those people who are apt to call him "Skipper" take warning. He is now a Full Serjeant after his lengthy wait, and must be addressed as such—Serjeant Dodds. Congratulations to him, Bumbler.

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At present the Mess can boast quite a number of sportsmen. For instance, Sjt.-Major Curtis claims to be the champion at that strenuous game called pokey die, which consists of vigorously shaking a leather cup containing five dice until they are all dizzy, then gently rolling them on the table so as not to break them. Or the pot may be turned upside down quickly, the hand banged on top of it, and then the mystic words "walla-walla" pronounced over it, and the pot raised gently to "see what God has sent you." Sometimes there are a lot of aces and kings, but it doesn't matter what there

FATHER CHRISTMAS—PIONEER-SERJEANT JACKSON.

is, if you are just learning the game. After the well trained sportsmen have said leg-leg for half a dozen times, you pay the drinks. What leg-leg means we don't know, unless it means mug-mug. Then you are told it is your "dry," meaning that you don't buy the drinks if you are caught again. You will be lucky when it is your "dry." You will be told to fall out first time, having got five kings, but that there were only three kings and two aces. Someone will put the pot in your hand next time round, and when you tell him that you have got out he will tell you that somebody got five aces, as if that could make any difference. Finally, there are two of you left shaking. He says to you, "leg-leg." You say, "it's my dry." They all say that five aces kills the dry, and you shout, "Bearer, sub sahibs capoucho!" It's a great game, provided you have a pocket full of money, but it is too much like communication drill; one gets hoarse constantly shouting bearer.

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Sjt. Hart has gone to Roorkee on a Field Works Course. When he comes back he will be teaching us how a shovel should be picked up; and will explain how, by taking a vice-like grip with the left hand, and a correct grip with the right hand in rapid digging. It is possible to produce blisters on the hands big enough to boast about for months, provided we don't show them to "Chips" or "Tiffy," who may ask us to go and give them a hand with their work. Then the Mess would all want to wear a special badge, or have something like "B.B.W." against their name—Batchelor of Blister Workers.

D.E.M.

Depôt Notes.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
March, 1930.

ON the 27th February, Bt.-Lt.-Col. L. H. E. Kinch, D.S.O., O.B.E. (D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Northumbrian Area), paid us a farewell visit. He is about to take over Command of his Regimental Depôt. He is to be succeeded by Major V. A. H. Daley, M.C., The West Yorkshire Regiment.

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We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Bt.-Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., for having so kindly presented a silver fruit dish to the Officers' Mess.

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A Guest Night was held on the 6th February, when the Officers of H.M.S. *York* and the 29th Field Battery R.A. were entertained to dinner.

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At Alnwick, on 9th March, a Tactical Exercise was held for the N.C.O.'s of the 7th Battalion. The weather was fine and a most enjoyable day was spent. Lieuts. Holdsworth-Hunt, Collingwood, and Clarke assisted at the exercise.

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On the 10th March, a party from the Depôt, The West Yorkshire Regiment, visited us.

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We now have the following Squads at the Depôt:—November Squad (strength 26), February Squad (strength 27); March Squad I. (strength 29); March Squad II. (strength 22).

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A Draft of 16 Other Ranks for transfer to the Army Reserve or Discharge arrived from the 2nd Battalion on 18th March, and were disposed of on the following day.

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Recruiting during the month has been very slow, our strength to date being 104 recruits, three Squads, and a fourth being formed; we are hoping to have five for St. George's Day.

November Squad, who are in their 15th Week of Training, are to be congratulated on being the best shooting squad since August, 1928, with an average score of 90.2. The winner of the spoon shoot was Fus. Pallister with a score of 72, and winner of A.R.A. Medal being Fus. Lewis with a score of 93; we congratulate them both and hope that their shooting prowess will increase with their service.

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We have commenced a series of Leagues in the following sports:—Cross-country running, football and hockey. Each Squad produces two teams, and as far as possible all of the same talent. Up to the present the senior Squad are top in the cross-country running. Football and hockey, due to the spell of bad weather, have not gone very far.

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We have also started an interior economy competition, judged on the daily inspections of rooms throughout the month. At present Sjt. Chislett with the unsquadded recruits is top, with the others coming along fairly close behind.

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NOVEMBER SQUAD.

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Our quarterly Inter-Squad Boxing Tournament took place on the 17th and 18th of March, results of which are appended below. Three Squads competed:—

November Squad in 15th Week of Training.
February Squad in 5th Week of Training.
March Squad in 2nd Week of Training.

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The standard of boxing, if not particularly light, was made up for by the spirit shown in the majority of contests. Capt. Lindsay, prior to asking Major Palmer, of the R.A., to present the prizes, said that it was hoped that the men who had fought so well during that tournament would not drop boxing altogether, but would keep it up throughout their soldiering, as it

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was from the competitors in that tournament that the Regimental teams of the future would be chosen. We congratulate

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PRIZE WINNERS INTER-SQUAD BOXING, MARCH, 1930.

February Squad on winning the Shield; to the other Squads we say better luck next time.

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On Saturday, 18th March, a party of 40 recruits were invited to the Matinee performance at the Empire Theatre. The show was enjoyed tremendously, and we thank very sincerely the manager, Mr. Aubin, for his kindness.

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We have had quite a number of people visiting us, including a deputation from the West Yorks Depôt at Fulford Barracks, York. They appeared to be favourably impressed with all they saw, and left with an air of great things to come at their Depôt in York.

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We are having a Recruits' St. George's Dance on Friday, 28th April. We have had a number of very successful Recruit Dances during the last three months, which, as well as bringing "grist" to the mill, are an excellent advertisement for recruiting. The St. George's Dance will be more or less a wind up of Dances for the winter season.

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Q.M.S. Instr. F. Horlock, Army Physical Training Staff, has left us on completion of twenty-one years' Colour Service.

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He will be much missed in the Depôt and by the Durham Light Infantry. He was a live wire, and during his regime to do Physical Training was a pleasure. He was an instructor who did not spare himself and always got the best out of everybody. We are sorry that he will not be here for the Inter-Depôt boxing in the first week in April.

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He wishes to become an Instructor at a school, and we wish him success in his new venture as a civilian.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated 26/2/30 :—

4267253 Fus. T. Elliott	4267262 Fus. H. Gourley
4267258 Fus. J. Jamieson	4267263 Fus. W. H. Lawton
4267264 Fus. G. Newton	4267282 Fus. N. Parker
4267270 Fus. W. Robinson	4267268 Fus. J. Steljes
4267277 Fus. W. T. Taylor	4267278 Fus. W. Wake
4443398 Fus. C. Wilkinson	

Football.

The following matches have been played :—

26th February, 1930.—*v.* United Blyth, at Blyth. Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 8, United Blyth 4.

12th March, 1930.—*v.* G.C.O., Birtley, at Fenham. Result—Depôt 5th Fusiliers 12, G.C.O., Birtley, 0.

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The Depôt has now won the 2nd Division of the Tyneside Wednesday League, and the following are the results up to date :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Against	Points
19	17	1	1	122	23	35

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One more match, *v.* Wallsend Tradesmen, has to be played, which will complete our fixtures for the 1929-30 season.

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The following extract has been taken from the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle* :—

"By their victory over the G.C.O., Birtley, by 12 goals to nil, the Depôt North'd. Fusiliers have won the championship of the Second Division. The soldiers have shown very consistent form all through the season, and are worthy champions. They have scored 122 goals in 19 games—a wonderful record."

DEPOT STAFF CLEANING UP FOR BARRACK INSPECTION.

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Boxing.

Inter-Squad Boxing Competition. Semi-Finals and Finals. 18/3/30.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Gardner (Feb. Squad) } Fus. Gardner
Fus. Jones (Feb. Squad) }
Fus. Flanagan (March Squad) } Fus. Gresswell
Fus. Gresswell (March Squad) }
} Fus. Gardner

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Ivinson (March Squad) } Fus. Newton
Fus. Newton (Nov. Squad) }
Fus. Brown (Feb. Squad) } Fus. Brown
Fus. Scott (Feb. Squad) }
} Fus. Brown

Light-Weights.

Fus. Hardy (Nov. Squad) } Fus. Marsh
Fus. Marsh (Nov. Squad) }
Fus. Bell (March Squad) } Fus. Bell
Fus. Wilkinson (Nov. Squad) }
} Fus. Marsh

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Dick (Feb. Squad) } Fus. Dick
Fus. McFarlane (Feb. Squad) }
Fus. Lewis (Nov. Squad) } Fus. Fieldhouse
Fus. Fieldhouse (March Squad) }
} Fus. Fieldhouse

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Robson (Nov. Squad) } Fus. Robson
Fus. Wilkinson (Feb. Squad) }
Fus. Goodwin (Feb. Squad) } Fus. Goodwin
Fus. French (Feb. Squad) }
} Fus. Robson

Best loser—Fus. McFarlane.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn-on-Tyne,
25th March, 1930.

THE Divisional Boxing Championship was held at St. George's Drill Hall, on Friday, 28th February, and for the first time since its inception we entered a team.

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We heartily congratulate our team on the good show they put up, and considering that no boxing at all was done in the Battalion up till the end of last year, we feel that the results were eminently satisfactory.

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Out of six entries, three reached the final round, when, although they were beaten, they all put up really good fights.

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The best fight in the whole competition was between Fus. Simpson, of "Z" Company, and Fus. Gordon, of the 6th Battalion, in the semi-final round. The issue was always in doubt, and although Gordon was proclaimed the winner, everyone felt glad that Simpson was awarded the best loser's prize, presented by Colonel Sadler.

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On the whole, the results were most encouraging, and we feel that next year, with a bit more training and experience, we should have at least three representatives at London in the Army stage of the T.A. Boxing Competition.

BOXING TEAM.

Fus. W. Thompson ("Z" Coy.), Middle-Weight, runner-up.
Fus. H. Bell ("Y" Coy.) Middle-Weight.
Fus. M. Cuthbertson ("X" Coy.), Welter-Weight, runner-up.
Lce.-Sjt. M. M. Delaney ("W" Coy.) Feather-Weight, runner-up.
Fus. W. Simpson ("Z" Coy.), Bantam-Weight, best loser's prize.
Fus. N. Wailes (H.Q. Wing), Bantam-Weight.

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After many changes of location and postponements, the

challenge match between "Z" Coy. and "Y" Coy. has been fixed at Prudhoe on Saturday, 5th April. Boxing has caught on well with both these Companies, and a good evening's sport is anticipated.

Newburn Detachment.

Again we have not very much news to give, as things are very quiet.

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There is, however, an air of restlessness pervading the Battalion.

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Depôt Courses are finished, the pre-camp training period is looming ahead and Company Commanders are beginning to think of training programmes and the best methods to employ for inducing troops to attend parades on a wide-spread progressive training basis.

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Also the initial preparations for future training are somewhat overshadowed by the nearness of St. George's Day and all that it portends.

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Dates have been fixed for shooting at Ponteland, and it now only remains to spread out the information and have things underway for the successful exploitation of the sadly depleted ammunition ration left from the policy of strict economy.

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Company Commanders and their seniors have nearly forgotten what it is like to "grasp the small of the butt with the right hand." However, they can cheer on their subordinates, mark scores for the latter, and eventually get their revenge through the medium of the ammunition diary, etc.

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A Tactical Exercise for all Officers and N.C.O.'s is to be held at Hexham Race Course on Sunday, 23rd March, under the direction of Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, Major Bradley, Capt. Fryer and Capt. Clarke.

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Hexham has been free lately of the snowstorms and severe weather at present prevailing at Newburn, and some of the syndicate Commanders are hoping that this will continue; but it is rumoured that some are hoping for a real severe knock-out snowstorm—wicked!

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It is now general knowledge that our Camp this year is to be within the military environment of Catterick. Once more a divisional camp, where we expect to meet old friends and renew acquaintanceship with the other Brigades.

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Also, the 1st Battalion is to be with us, and, apparently, this for the express purpose of instructing us in the way of soldiering.

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This is a happy state of affairs to look forward to, but may we say that we are just a little bit frightened of the colossal effort which will be expected of us to rise to the necessary level of efficiency to cope with the general aspect of complete militarism which no doubt exists at Catterick.

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Yes, frankly we are perturbed, but we have spied out the land a little bit, and our secret service agent (Mr. Cruddas) has actually lived with the 1st Battalion at York for a whole month in addition to a bit of good scrounging about occasionally at the Depôt. His tips will be invaluable.

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We expect to get a little extra support from our Padre, the Rev. C. Milner, whom we hope to have with us in camp.

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His services in the social and sporting life of camp are greatly appreciated. We tender him further congratulations on his recent appointment as Honorary Canon of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sergeants' Mess.

It is regretted that no notes were available last month.

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A Farewell Concert was given to R.S.M. G. E. Newton on his retirement. R.S.M. Newton thanked the members and friends very much for their splendid send-off, and in a short speech said, although his stay had only been a short one, he had made many friends both in the Battalion and outside, and he felt it very much indeed to have to say good-bye to them.

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Many speeches followed, and many were speechless.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. D. Blakey on his appointment as

R.S.M. NEWTON.
(By kind permission of the "Topical Press Agency.")

Regimental Serjeant-Major, and we hope he and Mrs. Blakey will spend many happy days with us.

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C.S.M. Locke left us to rejoin the "Prudhoe Guards." We shall miss him in the Mess, and no more A.B.C.

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I take this opportunity of welcoming C.S.M. W. Danaford to the fold, and sincerely hope he and Mrs. Danaford will enjoy their tour of duty with us.

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Congratulations to Sjt. M. M. Delaney for the good show at the Divisional Boxing Tournament. Well done, "Mick"! keep it up. Where's Sharkey?

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Many thanks to all who took part in the Farewell Concert, and to Mr. Elliott and Freeborn for making it a success.

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6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
March, 1930.

ON Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th February, we were again entertained by that well-known troupe, "The Laughter Makers," who are all recruited from our Serjeants' Mess. Each performance was well attended, and everyone who was present at last year's performances expressed the opinion that this year the show was even better than last. The audiences each night seemed to greatly enjoy and appreciate the efforts of the Troupe, and the whole thing went with a swing.

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We must really thank R.S.M. O'Hara and all the members of the Concert Party for their efforts in staging the Concert, and only one who has seen behind the scenes can appreciate the really hard work that has to be done, to make a show of this nature a success.

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So much has the fame of "The Laughter Makers" spread, that they were asked to give a Concert in aid of the Eye Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at the North Walbottle Miners' Theatre, on Wednesday, the 19th March. Again this proved a huge success, the Hall being crowded out—in fact, we are told that the management were compelled to send out for more chairs, the programme, which was the same as that given in our Drill Hall, occupying 2½ hours and keeping the audience engrossed the whole time. The promoters of the entertainment accorded the Troupe a hearty vote of thanks.

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The 50th Northumbrian Divisional Boxing Championships were held again this year in our Drill Hall, on Friday and Saturday, the 28th February and 1st March.

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There was a good attendance at each session, and, as usual, the fighting was clean and the enthusiasm marked.

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We carried off the Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, the runners-up again being the 9th D.L.I., who secured 26 points against our 43.

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The results were as follows :—

OFFICERS.

Welter-Weight.—Capt. D. D. Rutherford. M.C. (6th N.F.), walk-over.

Middle-Weight.—Mr. A. K. M. Martin (6th N.F.).

OTHER RANKS.

Fly-Weight.—Fus. Gullon (6th N.F.).
Bantam-Weight.—Pte. Lowe (9th D.L.I.).
Feather-Weight.—Fus. Gordon (6th N.F.).
Light-Weight.—Pte. Cox (5th D.L.I.).
Welter-Weight.—Fus. C. Marshall (6th N.F.).
Middle-Weight.—Pte. Lowes (5th N.F.).
Light Heavy-Weight.—Pte. Potts (9th D.L.I.).
Heavy-Weight.—Fus. Johnson (6th N.F.), walk-over.

On the 12th and 13th March, the Territorial Army Boxing Championships took place at the Stadium Club, London. The Divisional representatives did well, most of them getting through right to the semi-finals of their respective weights, but did not succeed in carrying off any titles. If they did not succeed in getting titles, they at least showed plenty of pluck, and we congratulate them on their efforts. Of the eight Divisional representatives, we supplied four, in Fusrs. Gullon, Gordon, Marshall and Johnson. The Division was 6th out of the 12 competing Divisions, the winners being the 56th (London) Division. We confess to a certain amount of disappointment at the results. After our last efforts, we had really hoped to play some part in bringing the Scarborough Cup to Northumberland. With the marked increase in boxing shown by the other Units in the Division, we can look forward with every confidence to more success next year.

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Although boxing figures largely in our records during the past month or two, visits to the Drill Hall reveal much soldierly activity and clear indications of the Trooping season.

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Selected N.C.O.'s from the Rifle Companies are doing hard work, and the proportion of attendances is very satisfactory. Fusiliers and Recruits will find their N.C.O's have been well "refreshed," and Company drills should present little difficulty to Company Commanders, if they have the requisite number of Other Ranks.

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Recruits, or the absence of them, will be our great disadvantage this year, and we urge all and sundry to produce the goods. If every man brought along one recruit, we would soon be a complete Battalion.

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The prospect of our being in camp with our 1st Battalion in our midst, will make camp life infinitely more interesting. We have a good site, and are practically on our training area—a great feature in any camp where the pangs of hunger seize the intelligent soldier as soon as ever the actual training ceases.

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We are supplying a hockey team to play the 1st Battalion at York, on the 29th March. We hope to put up something of a show, but it is difficult to find hockey players in Northumberland, unless the game is a little mixed.

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7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

21st March, 1930.

THE great event at Headquarters this month has been the confirmation of the report in last month's notes that the team was well in the running for pulling off both the Miniature Range Competitions, which are open to the County of Northumberland.

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The Battalion Headquarters team pressed off the double event in the "Chipchase" and "Volunteer Serjeants'" competitions, with the following scores :—

"*Chipchase Cup.*"—706 (last year's winning score 648).

"*Volunteer Serjeants' Cup.*"—370 (last year's winning score 325).

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The undermentioned personnel constituted the teams :—

"CHIPCHASE CUP."	"VOLUNTEER SERJEANTS."
Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison	C.Q.M.S. Chicken
Mr. Middlemas	Lce.-Cpl. Whellens
R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M.	Fus. A. Duns
C.Q.M.S. L. L. Chicken	Fus. D. M. Robinson
Lce.-Cpl. Whellens	Fus. W. Elliott
Fus. A. Duns	Fus. W. C. White
Fus. D. M. Robinson	Fus. J. Robinson
Dmr. H. Mills	Dmr. H. Mills

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Mr. Middlemas, our team captain, deserves special mention for the trouble taken to raise the standard above that of last year, but the team as a whole won the competitions through their own keenness and sense of team work, in the way they responded to their captain.

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We hope to be able to obtain photographs worthy of publication whilst in camp.

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We also wish to mention that the other detachment teams did well, and improved on their last year's scores.

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The following is a detailed list of the results :—

"Volunteer Serjeants' Trophy."

	Landscape Target.	Snap-Shooting.	Total Score.
1, Alnwick Det., 7th Northd. Fusiliers	240	130	370
2, "A" Squadron, Northd. Hussars Yeomanry ..	215	140	355
3, Durham University O.T.C. Rifle Club	175	105	280
4, 6th Northd. Fusiliers (No. 1 Team)	130	110	240
5, "B" (Ashington) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	125	110	235
6, "C" (Amble) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	135	85	220
7, 232 Field Coy., R.E.	75	130	205
8, 6th Northd. Fusiliers (No. 2 Team)	110	90	200
9. "C" Squadron, Northd. Hussars Yeomanry	75	110	185
9. "D" (Berwick) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	80	105	185
11, Tyne Electrical Engineers, R.E.	60	115	175
12, Prudhoe Det., 4th Northd. Fusiliers	70	75	145
13, Newburn Det., 4th Northd. Fusiliers	65	70	135
14, "A" (Morpeth) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	—	85	85

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"Chipchase Challenge Cup."

	Deliberate.	Snap-Shooting.	Total Score.
1, Alnwick Det., 7th Northd. Fusiliers	356	350	706
2, City of Newcastle Rifle Club	330	295	631
3, "A" Squadron, Northd. Hussars Yeomanry	360	270	630
4, 232 Field Coy., R.E.	343	245	588
5. "C" (Amble) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	341	245	586
5. Tyne Electrical Engineers, R.E.	301	285	586
7, Tyne Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Res. ..	313	270	583
8, Durham University O.T.C. Rifle Club	315	265	580
9, "D" (Berwick) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	326	250	576
10, 6th Northd. Fusiliers (No. 1 Team)	345	230	575
11, "C" Squadron, Northd. Hussars	301	230	531
12, "B" (Ashington) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers	297	170	467
13, "A" (Morpeth) Coy., 7th Northd. Fusiliers ..	255	165	420
14, Newburn Det., 4th Northd. Fusiliers	241	175	416
15, 6th Northd. Fusiliers (No. 2 Team)	294	95	389
16, Prudhoe Det., 4th Northd. Fusiliers	200	120	320

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During the week-end, 8th/9th March, we had a very successful Tactical Exercise for N.C.O.'s. The C.O. and Adjutant produced the show, and we were very fortunate also in having the services of Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Adjutant, Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Clarke, all from the Regimental Depôt. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking them for their great assistance, and hope that their uniforms will not suffer through being worn on a Sunday.

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About 80 N.C.O.'s assembled at 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday, at the Drill Hall, Alnwick, where they received a meal—leaving at 3 p.m. for Moorlaws, where a very instructive exercise was carried out to everyone's benefit.

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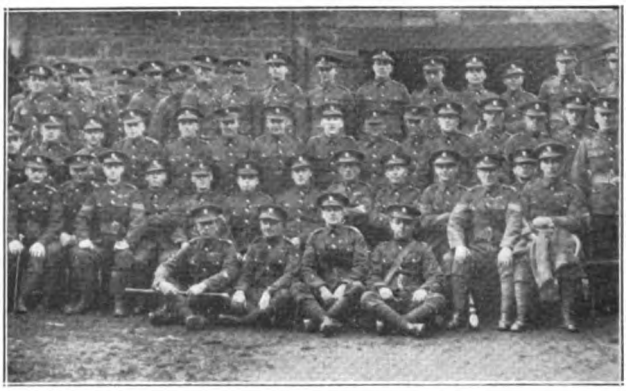
Having placed Outposts for the night, to hold the line of the River Aln, the N.C.O.'s returned to Alnwick, where they were



N.C.O.'S AT MOORLAWS, MARCH, 1930.

regaled with more good food, under the excellent supervision of Lieut. and Quartermaster C. J. J. Samwell and R.Q.M.S. Hall, assisted by C.Q.M.S. Cook and others.

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At 8.20 p.m. each Company was marched by its Permanent Staff Instructor to the Playhouse, where they were entertained as the guests of Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson.

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Next day a start was made at 9.30 a.m., and the exercise continued until "Jenny's Lantern" had been captured, and the enemy forces rounded up.

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The Machine Gun Company had quite an important task, and the keenness with which all the N.C.O.'s tackled the various situations augurs well for camp.

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Before returning to the Drill Hall for dispersal, the Colonel complimented everyone on their turn-out and soldierly bearing

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and good behaviour in the County Town. He also thanked the Officers of the Depôt for coming along to help us ; and also

TACTICAL EXERCISE, MOORLAWS, MARCH, 1930.

the R.S.M. and Q.M.S. Pullan for all their assistance in typing the various problems, etc.

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We hope to have another scheme before camp, on similar lines—as we feel sure that all ranks derive great benefit from such exercises.

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Another item of interest this month is the retrieving practice gained by " Jean," the Adjutant's dog, in our office. Nearly every morning ducks, pheasants and rabbits galore arrive mysteriously in the office, and the Adjutant takes the opportunity of exercising his dog's prowess at the expense of the Depôt Commander.

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This week-end, 22nd/23rd March, we are having a Tactical Exercise for Officers in the vicinity of Morpeth, and all concerned are greatly looking forward to it. We do not get half enough of these " good things." We will report as to who wins, etc., etc., in our next month's notes.

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We were sorry to note the death of General Sir Walter Lindsay, K.C.B., this month—he having been the first General Officer Commanding 50th (Northumbrian) Division overseas, in April, 1915.

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Strength to-day—20 Officers, 511 Other Ranks.

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We understand that Mr. E. C. Grey, Signalling Officer, Morpeth, is about to go to the Reserve, as he has recently sailed for Canada, where he hopes to make his fortune. We shall greatly miss his cheery face and boisterous voice in camp this year. May all good luck and prosperity accompany him!

" D " Company.

The Machine Gun Classes at Berwick, Chatton and Wooler have now been terminated, and we are now preparing for intensive training before going to camp.

C.S.M. Ratliff, who has been touring North Northumberland by night of recent weeks, to take the Chatton and Wooler Platoons, can now be seen any night at the Berwick Drill Hall, with a gleam of satisfaction in his eye, thinking out new ideas for the April Offensive.

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The Wooler Platoon held their second Annual Whist Drive and Dance, in the Archbold Memorial Hall, at Wooler, on the 6th March. The Hall was tastefully decorated, and the bright uniforms of the men mingling with the gay dresses of the ladies made a brilliant scene.

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Sjt. W. Morralee, Cpl. W. Smart, Fus. W. Fairnington, and Fus. T. Hunter are to be congratulated on their able management.

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The following were the Whist winners :—

LADIES	GENTS.
1, Mrs. J. Ratliff	1, Fus. J. Phillips
2, Mrs. Willcox	2, Fus. J. Smart
3, Mrs. T. Younger	3, Fus. P. Robson

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The Adjutant, Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, arrived shortly after the Dance commenced, and soon after midnight our Company Commander, Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P., was on the scene, his performance in the " Eightsome Reel " being the envy of all present.

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Altogether the Dance was a huge success, and we hope it will definitely become an annual fixture.

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On Saturday, 15th March, the Berwick Detachment held its Annual Dinner and Dance in the Drill Hall. Capt. Todd arranged to get the Chatton and Woller Platoons conveyed to Berwick, and together with the Berwick Lads some 80 sat down to an excellent dinner catered for by Mr. Dudgeon, the Mayor of Berwick.

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Officers present included Major F. B. Cowen (Second-in-Command), Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P. (O.C. " D " Coy.), Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison (O.C. " C " Coy.), Capt. S. H. Gallon (O.C. H.Q. Wing), Capt. and Adjutant C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Moscrop, Mr. Robson, Mr. Samwell and Mr. Hart.

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This, by the way, was Mr. Hart's first appearance at a Battalion show, and we were very pleased indeed to welcome him.

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We were also honoured with the presence of Major H. R. Smail, T.D., whose long connection with the Berwick Detachment is well known—he having laid the foundation of Machine Gunnery in the 7th Battalion by forming the original Machine Gun Section some twenty years ago.

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R.S.M. O. C. Dipper was also amongst the guests.

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Dinner over, Capt. Todd proposed the Loyal Toast, after which the company was entertained to some very fine musical turns, amongst which were :—Comic songs by Fus. J. Ray; mandoline and banjo duets by Fus. J. Ray and W. Ray; songs by Fus. Matthews, Fus. Gilchrist, Fus. Bain, etc., etc.

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Capt. Todd proposed the Toast of the Battalion, and regretted the absence of Colonel Robson. The toast was responded to by Major Cowen and Capt. and Adjt. Carr-Ellison, both of whom hoped that the Berwick Company would soon be full up to strength with the right sort of recruits—and if not the best Company in the Battalion, certainly the best Machine Gun Company in the Brigade.

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The Toast of the Company was proposed by Major Smail, who recalled how it was in that Hall, in August, 1914, that the two old Berwick Companies (one of which he then commanded) mobilized, without a hitch, and without an absentee. Capt. Todd replied.

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During the evening the various Cups won by members of the Berwick Detachment and " D " Company were presented.

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Captain Todd congratulated the winners of the various trophies on their success, and said that Major Smail had kindly given them a Cup, and he was glad that he was present to make the presentation himself.

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Major Smail said he was pleased to present the Section Efficiency Cup to a Wooler Section on this occasion. Chatton had had it once or twice, now Wooler—so Berwick would have to buck up and have its turn next! He was glad, however, that the new Section formed at Wooler had been successful this year.

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Lce.-Cpl. Smart received the Cup on behalf of his Section.

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The Recruits Cup, given by Mrs. A. L. Goodson, was presented to Fus. Marshall, Berwick. Fus. W. Carrigan carried off the Machine Gunners' Cup and Medal (presented by Capt. Todd); while Fus. Osgood, Chatton, was the winner of the Jerningham Rifle Shield.

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The company broke up at about 9.30 p.m., while the Hall was prepared for dancing.

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A large and distinguished gathering now took the floor, to the accompaniment of Mr. S. Abbotts' Band. Capt. Todd again gave us ample opportunity of watching his prowess on the dance floor, and his " Lancers " was the *piece de resistance.*

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At midnight the Dance came to an end, being voted a great success.

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We cannot close these notes without a word of praise to C.S.M. and Mrs. Ratliff for the splendid way in which the Hall was decorated, and for the general management of the whole evening. A Drill Hall is at best a dull sort of place, and none too easy to deck out gaily—but the Berwick Hall on this occasion really looked fine, thanks to untiring effort.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
March, 1930.

THE month of April may be called the month of Bursting. Buds, birds' eggs, and Budgets all burst out in this month, and among other vernal explosions comes the Summer Sports Catalogue of the N.A.A.F.I. This volume contains the necessary information required by P.R.I.'s and others, whose thoughts have been directed, by the lamb-like exit of March, towards the replenishment of summer games gear.

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Major Ritson

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Wm. Hall
Mrs. Arkwright

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Letters to the Editor.

York,
17th March, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

With reference to the Fund started to pay for the Memorial Window recently placed in Christ Church, Amsterdam, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench has generously expressed a wish to be allowed to defray the cost, and the Colonel of the Regiment has accepted the gift on behalf of the Regiment.

Major Chenevix-Trench has now forwarded a cheque for £25, and the following subscriptions have also been received :—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Forsyth	2	0	0
Colonel Platt	1	0	0
General Wilkinson	1	1	0
Colonel W. N. Herbert	2	0	0
Major C. E. Thornton	1	0	0
Brig.-General C. Yatman	1	0	0
Colonel J. A. C. Somerville	0	10	0

making a total of £33 11s. 0d.

There should now be sufficient funds left after paying for the Window and the brass plate to be fixed below the window, to allow of the presentation to the Burgomaster of Amsterdam, of a small piece of plate to commemorate the visit of the representatives of the Regiment to his City, and as a small recognition of his hospitality on that occasion.

Yours sincerely,
R. M. BOOTH,
Commanding 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
31st March, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, 1930, as follows :—

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Colonel S. H. Enderby	2	2	0
Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C.	1	0	0
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E.	3	0	0
Colonel W. Gibson	1	0	0
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P.R.I., 2nd Battalion (confiscated from gamblers)	0	6	10
Colonel G. F. T. Leather	2	2	0
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Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. M. Bett (4th parcel)	Clothing		
Lt.-Col. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C. (2nd parcel)	Boots and leggings		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

London Area.

ON Sunday, 20th April, the members will parade, as strong as possible, on the North Side (Admiralty Side) of the Horse Guards' Parade, Whitehall, at 12 noon, and march to the Cenotaph, whereon a wreath will be laid by Lord Redesdale, on behalf of the Association in memory of those of our comrades who lost their lives in the Great War. Friends invited.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, by the kind permission of the Commandant Corps of Commissionaires, the members are invited to re-assemble at the Corps' Headquarters, 419, Strand, where new members may be enrolled.

It is hoped that members will make every effort to be present, thereby enabling the aim of the O.C.A. to be achieved, namely the fostering of the splendid *esprit de corps* of the Regiment in this part of the world, although nearly 300 miles from its home. A cordial welcome is extended.

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Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending 31st December, 1929.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.
To Subscription—Officers' (through Treasurer, £77 19s. 0d.	77 19 0
„ Subscriptions—Other Ranks (through Secretary)	24 3 0
„ Special Grant from 3rd Battalion Funds ..	14 17 1
„ Sale of Badges from Stock	1 7 0
„ Sale of Roses from Stock	3 0 0
	£121 6 1

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By St. George's Day Roses A/c. (Stock)		2 12 6
„ St. George's Day :—		
Expenses	30 10 2	
Less Tickets sold	3 1 0	
		27 9 2
„ Annual Dinner Tickets	69 3 2	
Less Tickets sold	47 17 0	
		21 6 2
„ General Meeting Expenses ..	19 13 2	
Less Tickets sold	0 17 0	
		18 16 2
„ Printing and Stationery ..		7 10 6
„ Postages and Telephones, etc.		15 1 1½
„ Miscellaneous Expenses, viz. :—		
Balance due to Secretary, last A/c.	0 19 11½	
Hon. Secretary's Honorarium	10 0 0	
Auditor's Fees, 1929 A/c. ..	2 2 0	
Wreaths (Major Cubitt) ..	1 0 0	
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St. George's Gazette, Veterans' Club		
St. George's and Chelsea Hospital	0 12 0	
		15 8 9½
„ Balance being excess of Income Expenditure, 1929		13 1 8
		£121 6 1

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1929.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.
To Balance Credit of Fund	130 13 7
	£130 13 7

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.
Hon. Treasurer—Cash on Hand, nil at Bank ..	119 17 10
Hon. Secretary—Cash at Bank	2 3 6
Stock of Roses	1 2 3
Stock of Badges	0 15 0
Typewriter £5 10s. 0d., Printing Set 5s., Stationery nil	5 15 0
O.C.A. Ceremonial Flag Fittings	1 0 0
	£130 13 7

We hereby certify the above Income and Expenditure Account to be in accordance with the Books, Vouchers, and Pass Book.

(Signed) MESSRS. J. W. OLIVE & CO.,
Accountants and Auditors.

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Holborn, W.C. 1.

Notes on Civil Employment.

By LIEUT.-COLONEL F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.

NOBODY would consider the job of night watchman to be a particularly desirable form of employment. The fact that there were 450 applicants for such a vacancy recently shows the wretched state of the labour market at present better than any statistics.

On every side one hears of factories standing off hands; and, except for building, no one seems very hopeful about the future. In the building trade in London and the neighbourhood there is great confidence. Large contracts have been placed and people who should know tell me that there will be plenty of work for bricklayers, plasterers and carpenters.

A number of soldiers seem to think that to be able to drive a motor is all that they need do in order to be sure of employment. That is a false idea. Employers who pay a decent wage and offer good conditions of work expect a man to be something more than a driver. He has to be a mechanic-driver or a salesman-driver, and, in addition, know a particular district intimately. A large proportion of the drivers of the summer pleasure traffic are unemployed during the winter months, so that men who are only drivers cannot expect constant employment or a good wage. It is for these reasons that at Hounslow we train men to become motor-fitters and mechanic-drivers, and are not content with only teaching men to drive. The pay in both these is good, and students have found employment fairly readily.

A recent innovation has been the introduction of a Course to train "Married Couples." The daily papers are always full of vacant situations for man and wife. The wife has to be a cook and the man either a house-parlourman or chauffeur. The wages range from £100 to £120 a year and all found. Only childless couples can be considered for this training, as employment cannot be found for those with families. It is essential if a high wage is to be obtained, that the wife should be qualified to do high-class cooking, consequently the arrangements are that the wife attends a really good school of cookery in London and the husband goes through the Motor-Mechanics or Private Service Course at Hounslow.

The frequent enquiries I receive point to the fact that few soldiers realise the many pitfalls which are to be met with in buying a business. Before anyone puts down money to buy a business, very careful enquiries should be made into its past history and its prospects for the future. Information should be sought from disenterested people as well as from the seller, who, unless he has something to hide, should readily answer questions and give all particulars of the income and outgoings over a period.

The arrangement by which soldiers on furlough may visit Hounslow on any Wednesday morning, should prove useful to many who want advice as to their future in civil life. All expenses in connection with the visit have, of course, to be borne by the soldier himself.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD,

30th April, 1930.

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Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.	„ 12/30	Capt. G. C. W. Crispin, R.N.	„ 12/30
Lt.-Col. F. R. J. Athill, C.M.G.	„ 12/30	Major H. L. Ovans, C.B.E. ..	„ 12/30
Col. E. W. Dashwood ..	„ 12/30	Serjeants' Mess, 4th Bn. (Newburn)	„ 3/31
Col. E. S. Heard	„ 12/30	Col. Lord Algernon Percy ..	„ 3/31
Br.-Gen. C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G.	„ 12/30	O.C. Corps of Commissionaires	„ 3/31
Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O. ..	„ 12/30	Capt. A. J. W. Todd ..	„ 1/31
Br.-Gen. The Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	„ 12/30	Major R. M. Lamb, D.S.O. ..	„ 1/31
Lt.-Col. G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O.	„ 12/30	Col. R. Stephenson	„ 1/31
Major St. J. E. Montagu, O.B.E.	„ 12/30	Lieut. G. C. Humphreys ..	„ 1/31
		Capt. C. Chipper, M.C. ..	„ 1/31
		Capt. M. Myers, M.C., D.C.M.	„ 1/31
		Capt. F. B. Corbet-Singleton	„ 1/31

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Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C.	to 1/31	Maj. H. L. Ovans, C.B.E.	*Bound Vols.*
Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison	,, 2/31	Col. Sir A. E. Whitaker, K.B.E.	*Bound Vols.*
Capt. A. S. Scaife	,, 2/31		
Mr. Chas. Kennedy	,, 3/31	Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.	*Bound Vols.*
Mr. J. Twigg	,, 3/31		
Major F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C.	,, 5/31	Br.-Gen. W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	*Bound Vols.*
Major K. G. Williams	,, 4/31	Lieut. E. O. Martin	*Bound Vols.*
Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt	,, 5/31	Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.	*Bound Vols.*
Major C. R. Freemen, D.S.O., M.C.		Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.	*Bound Vols.*
Brig. A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.		P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Lt.-Col. The Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.		P.R.I., 1st Bn.	*Gazettes*
		P.R.I., 2nd Bn.	*Gazettes*

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. B. D. Tarleton is seconded for duty with the Sudan Defence Force (dated 28th February).

Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 7th April)

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C. (ret.) to be Captain (dated 7th April), with seniority 27th January, 1925.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C., to be Major (dated 1st April).

5th Bn.—G. M. Snowball (late Cadet Cpl., St. Bees School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 16th April).

5th Bn.—Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., T.D., to be Major (dated 1st April).

6th Bn.—Capt. F. Dawson, M.C., to be Major (dated 1st April),

6th Bn.—Capt. T. P. Parmeter having attained the age limit retires, and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 23rd April).

7th Bn.—Capt. E. H. Watson to be Major (dated 1st April).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. G. B. Smith, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 23rd April).

7th Bn.—Lieut. W. H. Dargie, M.C., from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 23rd April).

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
April, 1930.

THE past month has been marked by a crowd of events which culminate in the official termination of the winter season. After the end of this month we mark the arrival of spring officially—by going to camp for musketry.

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The "Winter Study" meetings have been concluded in a flood of oratory. There has been a succession of Point-to-Points, at which we have been well represented; the Regimental football teams have nearly wound up the season; Easter holidays have come and gone; and inter-Company football, hockey and rugger leagues are being concluded at break-neck speed.

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Lastly, and most important of all, comes St. George's Week. We use the word "week" advisedly, for, from the time of the first of the numerous fatigues in connection with St. George's Day to the time of the last Territorial function in connection with it, a full week of Regimental life has elapsed. The various sports with which we have been occupied are dealt with in their respective spaces. It remains to chronicle the doings in connection with St. George's Day.

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The weather forecast the night before was far from reassuring. "Hail and sleet in the North" were definitely predicted. Only our belief in the long-established tradition of fine weather for the Trooping prevented our hearts from sinking. At about 10 a.m. on St. George's Day it began to rain gently. At 11 a.m. it stopped. The hail and sleet were evidently farther north. It remained fine and only fairly cold during the actual parade. Before we were out from lunch it was raining again gently. So, like "jam to-morrow, jam yesterday, but never jam to-day," it rained before the parade, it rained after the parade, but not during it, and the fine weather tradition just held.

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The parade was well carried out, the drill was good, but, in the eyes of some of the more anxious critics who desired perfection, not *quite* so good as the rehearsal on the day before. It was again very successfully broadcast to all northern stations, Capt. Lindsay again ably performing the duties of commentator. True, he *did* make one slip, which was so promptly corrected by him that it did not matter, and is only included in these notes because the writer is somewhat devoid of other material of a humourous nature. The "slip" was something like the following: "The escort will now salute the colours and the band will play the Grand National!!"

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In addition to the Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command, and Adjutant, the following Officers were on parade: —

King's Colour	2nd-Lieut. S. Enderby.
Regimental Colour	2nd-Lieut. J. R. Fishbourne.
Escort to the Colours	Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C.
No. 2 Company	Lieut. W. D. F. Laing.
No. 3 Company	2nd-Lieut. J. A. Sperling.
No. 4 Company	2nd-Lieut. C. R. M. Threlfall.

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The Salute at the March Past was taken by our Colonel, Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., whom we were delighted to have with us again. The Salute, after the Advance in Review Order, was taken by the G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command, Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

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Amongst guests who were not here last year we were particularly glad to see Major-General W. M. St. G. Kirke, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who commands the recently formed 5th Division, of which our Brigade is a part; Brigadier C. E. Heathcote, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who commands our Brigade; and Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., who commands our Territorial Brigade.

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Including Officers of the Regiment and their wives, and private guests, about two hundred people had lunch after the Parade.

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The following is a list of Regimental guests who accepted for lunch:— Miss Allen, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Archer, Col. and Mrs. Anderson, Capt. J. O. Bryne, Capt. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Bland, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Bett, Capt. Blatckett-Ord, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Brown, Major Bell, Mr. J. Boon, Major-Gen. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Chaytor, Col. and Mrs. Cruddas, Capt. Carrick, Lieut.-Col. Caffin, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Charlton,

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Lieut.-Col. Carthew, Lieut.-Col. Davenport, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Doran, Capt. and Mrs. Dorman Smith, Major Dawson, Miss Davenport, Mrs. Enderby, Mrs. Evens, Mr. Earle, Mrs. Fortune, The Dean of York, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Flower, Miss Flower, Col. Fraser, Capt. and Mrs. Fryer, Mr. Flower, Col. Fortune, Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. P. Gardner, Capt. and Mrs. Gough, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hawkes, Miss Hawkes, Major Holderness, Col. and Mrs. Hodgson, Brigadier and Mrs. Hill, Major and Mrs. Hobbs, Brigadier and Mrs. Heathcote, Col. and Mrs. Herbert, Rev. and Mrs. Hutchins, Chief Constable of York, Mrs. Herman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hobbs, The Sheriff of York, Mrs. Halliday, Lieut.-Col. Knott, Major-Gen. and Mrs. Kirke, Col. Irvine, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Landen, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Lamb, Miss Landen, Mr. Leatham, Mr. Leather, Rev. and Mrs. McCready, Brig.-Gen. Morton, Mrs. Neville, Col. and Mrs. Pinkney, Col. and Mrs. Platt, Lieut.-Col. Robson, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Roddam, Lieut.-Col. Rushbrooke, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Riddell, Col. and Mrs. Ritson, Col. Russell, Major Richards, Col. Somerville, Mrs. Henry Shakerley, Col. and Mrs. Skinner, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute and Lady Shute, Mr. Thompson, Capt. and Mrs. Wombwell, Capt. and Mrs. Waddilove, Major Woods, Col. and Mrs. Warde-Aldam, Major-Gen. Sir P. Wilkinson, Col. Sir A. E. Whitaker and Lady Whitaker, Col. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Major and Mrs. Wiley, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Yatman, Rev. and Mrs. Yates, Lord Mayor of York and Lady Mayoress of York.

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In addition, telegrams and cables of good wishes were received from the following:—Mr. W. P. Jones, Lieut.-Col. Bryan Evans, 7th Battalion, Major Charles Wood, Lieut.-Col. Moulton-Barrett, Mr. Beckwith, Col. Wild, Major Woods, Lieut.-Col. Owen, Col. and Mrs. Heard, Brig.-Gen. Armstrong, Capt. Hervey Bathurst, Col. Sturges, Brig.-Gen. Sitwell, Lieut.-Col. Sapte, Brig.-Gen. Festing, Major and Mrs. Buchanan, Major Sarel, Major A. F. Douglas, Lieut.-Col. Coles, Mr. Crawhall, Col. Binny, Air-Commodore Bonham-Carter, Capt. and Mrs. Hopkinson, Major and Mrs. Stephens, Lieut.-Col. Salins, Major Gordon Douglas, Brig.-Gen. Charles Lambton, Lieut.-Col. Sant, Mr. Michael Macmullen, Capt. Hoffinan, Col. Dashwood, Major Greville Williams, Major Lynch Staunton, Royal Society of St. George, Lieut.-Col. Forsyth, Capt. Carr-Ellison, The Depôt, Lieut.-Col. Leverson, Lieut. Tarleton, 5th Battalion, Capt. Newstead, Capt. and Mrs. Arkwright, 4th Battalion, Mrs. Money, Col. and Mrs. Kershaw, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Parsons, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Major Thornton, Col. and Mrs. Ainslie, Mr. Clifford, Col. and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, Major Prickett, Col. Wright, 2nd Battalion, Major Tom Stanton, R.A.M.C., Mr. Stockley, Old Comrades (London), Mr. Forbes-Watson, 6th Battalion, Bingleigh Leach, Major and Mrs. St. John, Gen. Girdwood, Capt. Pringle, Brig.-Gen. Basil Buckley, Col. and Mrs. Archer, Col. Larpent, Col. Kilgour, Col. Sandilands, Capt. Lawson.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Left to right: MAJOR-GEN. SIR P. S. WILKINSON, LIEUT.-GEN. SIR CAMERON D. SHUTE, COL. W. N. HERBERT.

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St. George's Day was, as usual, brought to a close by the Serjeants' Ball, the arrangements for which left nothing to be desired. It was held in the Rialto Ballroom, and, considering that little could be done in the way of decorations until the night before, the results of the work of a hard working committee were nothing short of marvellous. Our Serjeants are wonderful hosts.

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There are a few other bouquets to be handed out—one to the hard-worked P.M.C., for the smooth way in which all the arrangements for lunch were carried out; another to the Pioneers who were in demand here, there and everywhere; one to the Band, particularly to members of the Dance Band, who have a very long day on St. George's Day; and lastly, one to the last draft for arriving just in time to be considered fair game for anybody when a fatigue party was required.

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We were again glad to see those two fine old soldiers from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea—"Chips" Harvey and ex-Bandsman Waters, who were the first arrivals for St. George's Day last year and this. We gave their history in the *Gazette* last year. This year they brought with them ex-Cpl. Downey, whom we were also delighted to welcome. Downey was born in 1865, in King Williamstown, South Africa. Son of the late Capt. M. Downey, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers, he started his soldiering by enlisting in August, 1885, in the 3rd Buffs. In October of the same year he bought himself out of the Buffs and enlisted in the Medical Staff Corps, in April, 1886. In June, 1888, he again purchased his discharge.

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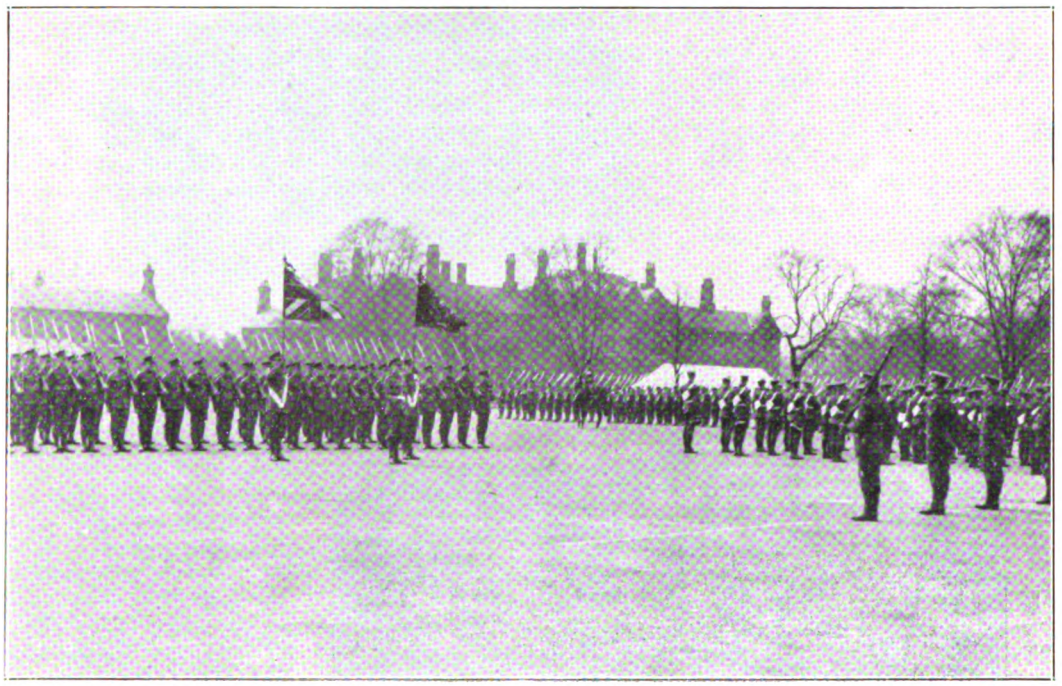
He enlisted in the 1st Bn. of the FIFTH in October, 1891,



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ST. GEORGE'S DAY. BEFORE MOVING OFF TO TROOP THE COLOURS

being discharged in 1903. During the South African War he attained the rank of Serjeant, being later transferred to the South African Constabulary. He was twice mentioned for gallantry in attending to wounded under fire, and for some time performed the duties of Acting Medical Officer.

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He enlisted once more in 1914, but was invalided on pension in 1915. Cpl. Downey possesses the Queen's and Khedive's Medals, 1898, with clasp, and the King's and Queen's South African Medals with 3 bars.

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Colonel Herbert commemorated St. George's Day by presenting the Officers' Mess with a beautifully made silver figure of a Corporal dressed in fighting order, of the 1917 period. It is on the same scale as the other four figures standing at the corners of the centre-piece of St. George and the Dragon, which bear the dates, and are dressed in the uniform of 1688, 1742, 1809 and 1887. We take this opportunity of thanking him for such a very handsome and very well chosen gift.

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We also wish to thank Lt.-Col. Wilkinson, Commanding the 6th Battalion, for the presentation, made on the same day, of a framed photograph of the Officers of all Battalions and of the Staff, who were present at the boxing match at the 6th Battalion drill hall, between the 6th Battalion and ourselves, on which occasion, it is hardly necessary to remind our readers, we were well beaten.

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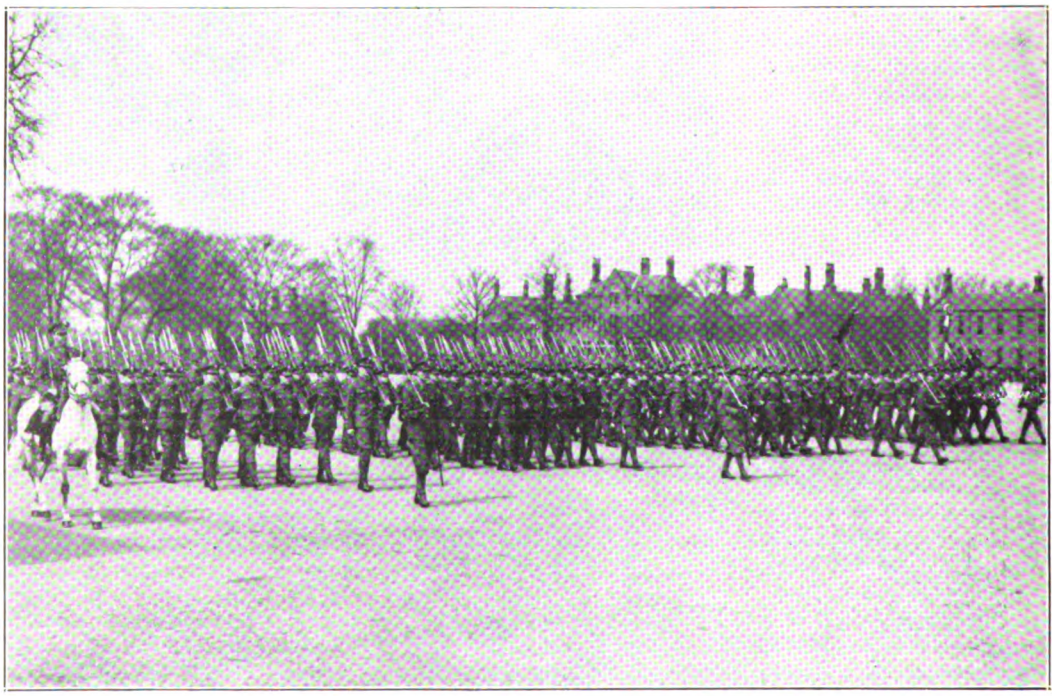
There is quite a lot of copy for our Court Circular this month. Mr. T. Bland has returned from his country residence in Rumjumpopo, Uganda,



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ST. GEORGE'S DAY. MOVING TO THE SALUTING BASE.

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where he has been spending the last year or two with the King's African Rifles, and will take up residence in Room 23, Officers' Quarters, Fulford Barracks, on 5th May. (As a matter of fact, he arrived so mysteriously and entirely unexpectedly, that both he and we feared for a while that he had erroneously taken the train for York instead of the boat for Mombasa. Since then, however, official notification of his posting has been received. Shortly after his arrival he was noticed, rather strangely, brandishing an elephant's tail around the ante-room. We still have not been told whether he shot the beast, or put salt on its tail, or just walked up and pulled it off.)

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Capt. J. O. Byrne, more ironically than ever known as "Tiny" (he is really *enormous* now), has similarly vacated a country residence in Nigeria, and announces his intention of rejoining in about June. Meanwhile he is at large.

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Mr. Bryant arrived at noon on 28th April, and at 2.15 was playing rugger for his Company. We are glad to see him. He is playing rugger again on the 29th, and again on 1st May.

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Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hobbs are spending the season at Hythe, and Mr. Sperling has similarly gone away on a Signalling Course.

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Our ranks are thinned by the departure of Capt. Newstead to civil life. We regret his departure, and wish him all good luck. He has decided to take over the running of Government electricity schemes. It is gratifying to know that he remains an active member of the FIFTH, since the ranks of the 5th Battalion are to be swelled permanently by his presence.

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Lt.-Col. Booth, Capt. Pemberton, and Mr. Butterfield had the honour of dining with the 7th Battalion at Alnwick on 26th April, and spent a most enjoyable evening amongst excellent hosts. Colonel Booth went on the next day to Newcastle, and attended the 6th Battalion's Parade Service, afterwards lunching as guest of the 6th Battalion. Capt. Pemberton and Mr. Butterfield attended the ceremony of laying a wreath on the War Memorial at Alnwick, and then arrived in Newcastle just in time to see the 6th Battalion and Depôt march off from church.

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Our good friends, the Elgin Regiment, very kindly sent us a tin of Maple Syrup, produced on the historic Talbot Settlement, and sent with it all their good wishes for St. George's Day. They furthermore celebrated St. George's Day by a Dinner, at which the chief guest was Major-General A. C. L. Mc Naughten, C.M.G., D.S.O., and which was held on that day to commemorate the affiliation of the Elgin Regiment to the FIFTH. The invitation to the Dinner bears the following notice on the outside of the cover :—

FIRST BATTALION
THE ELGIN REGIMENT
AFFILIATED WITH
THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS
FORMERLY
THE FIFTH FOOT
COMMANDED IN 1795 BY
COLONEL THOMAS TALBOT
AFTERWARDS FOUNDER OF THE
TALBOT SETTLEMENT
AND FAMOUS PIONEER OF ELGIN COUNTY.

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Our intelligence bureau informs us that Mr. Bolster is making the most of his sojourn in India, where he and others were lately guests of the Maharajah of Patiala. A day's pig-sticking

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

R.S.M. ROWSELL HANDING OVER THE COLOURS.

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started with a meet at which there were apparently "eight elephants, a few camels, two Squadrons of Cavalry, and a Regiment of Infantry to act as beaters." The nett result of it all was the slaughter of one pig, which was chased across some fields.

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The next day was a shooting expedition :—"It really was a jolly fine sight to see the whole show—elephants, cavalry and infantry moving across the country in line. They kept a most perfect line, the elephants breaking down any trees that got in the way or might hit master's head. There were also two extra elephants, one to carry drinks and fruit"—(fancy an elephant load of drinks!)—"and the other to carry ammunition." It seems to have been a magnificent day—the only element lacking to ensure perfection being, we suggest, a medium Tank Battalion, a Squadron or two of Mechanised Machine Guns, and, say, a flight of Heavy Bombers.

Rugby.

For various reasons, chief of which was the departure of a large draft to India in the middle of the season, Rugby in the Battalion has suffered rather a set-back. Only two Battalion games have been played—the first against the York XV., we lost by a goal to a try. Considering that it was our first match of the season, the team played well, and when the forwards settled down the backs got their fair share of the ball. There was no score in the first half, but early in the second-half Lce.-Cpl. Wetherill got away, passed to Mc Donough, who scored in the corner. Mr. Enderby failed with the kick from a difficult angle. York then pressed hotly, and just before "no side" broke through and scored under the posts, the try being converted. Lce.-Cpl. Wetherill was unlucky with a drop at goal which went just wide of the posts.

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Our next match was with Bradford "A," who brought down a strong side and, after a very good game, defeated us by 14 points to nil.

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Inter-Company Rugby is now in progress, and quite a lot of talent has been brought out, and if only the remainder of the Battalion does not go to India this Trooping season, we should have quite a good team for 1930–31.

In the first game "Y" Company beat "W" Company on a water-logged ground, by 3 points to nil. "Y" Company's backs, which are their strong point, never had a chance to get going, and the resolute tackling of "W's" forwards did the rest.

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"W" Company beat M.G. Company in a very scrambling game by 3 points to nil. This was played the day after St. George's Day, which may account for the dullness of the game.

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"Y" Company defeated M.G. Company by 28 points to nil. "Y" Company's backs, on a dry ground, had a regular field-day, which was made easier by the M.G. Company's three-quarter line concentrating their entire efforts on "Y" Company's scrum-half, with the result that the opposing threes were left totally unmarked and only lack of wind on the part of "Y" Company's backs kept the score as low as it was.

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Although we have so few Rugby players in the Battalion, the keenness, energy, and grit showed by those who are taking up the game augurs well for the future of Rugby in the Battalion.

Photograph] [*E. W. Gosman.*

PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS.

Hockey.

The Battalion side, which has been weakened all the winter by absentees, was at full strength for the first time against St. Peter's School, York, and we had a very enjoyable game.

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The School attacked immediately and pressed for most of the first half and scored 2 goals. The FIFTH then improved,

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and taking the play into the other half equalised through Capt. Buckley and Cpl. Stobbart. Half-time came with the score 2 all.

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The second half produced some excellent hockey, and the game was very fast, no score resulting until the last ten minutes, when the FIFTH defence broke down and St. Peter's scored three times in quick succession, the whistle blowing for no-side with the score at 5—2 against us.

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The chief point against the FIFTH was that the halves were very apt to get out of position and chase the ball all over the field instead of sticking to their wings.

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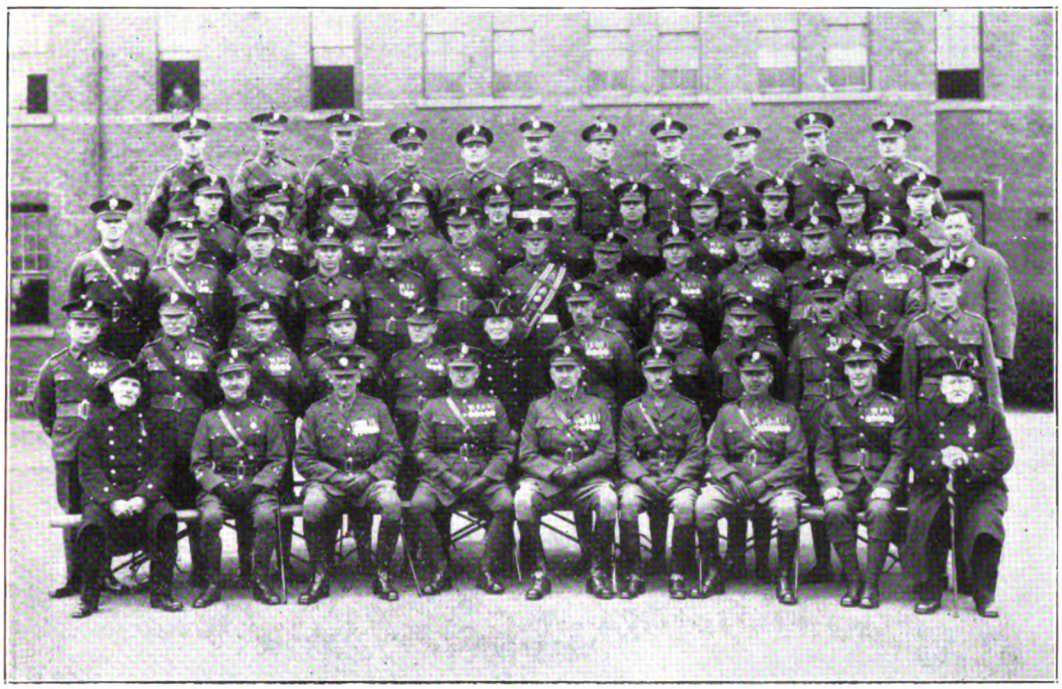
On 29th March we played against the 6th Battalion, and a good game resulted in the FIFTH being winners by 6–0. An account of this match appears in the 6th Battalion Notes.



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W.O.'S AND SERJEANTS, 1ST BATTALION.

On 5th April we played a match against the Old Haughtonians, whom we defeated in a close but rather scrappy game by 4 goals to 3.

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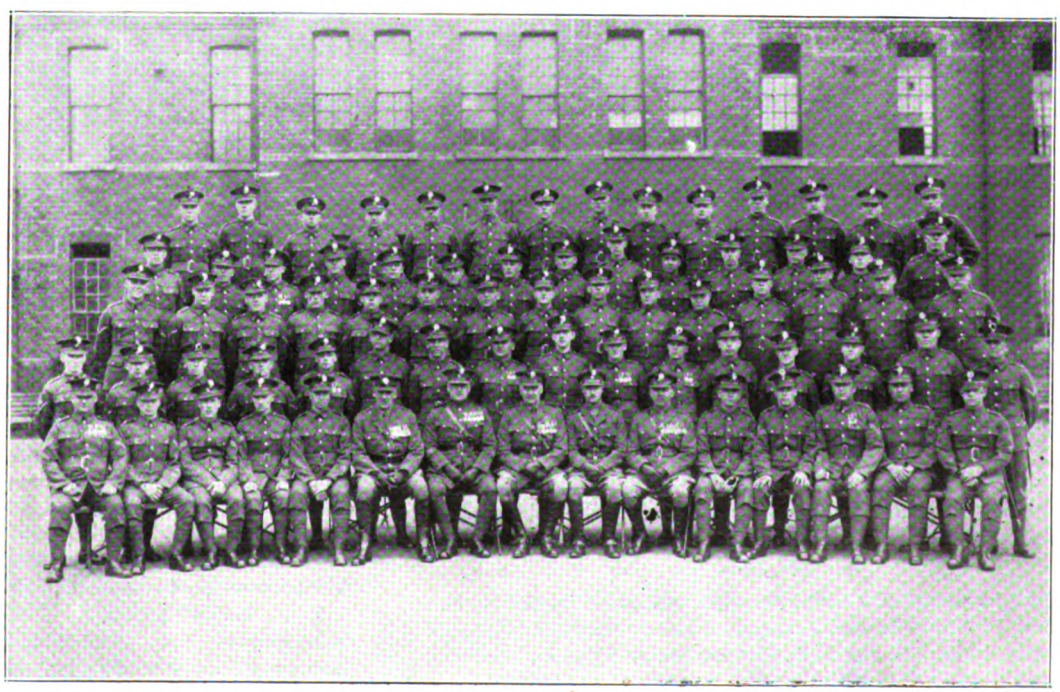
The Company League matches have just been finished, and some very close games resulted, with "Y" Company eventually winning the Shield.

Point-to-Point Races, 1930.

The Point-to-Point Season of 1930, from the Regimental point of view, may be looked back on as an unqualified success. We were represented at nearly every meeting, and took our fair share of prizes. After the Bramham meeting had been cancelled owing to snow, our first essay was with the Derwent at Kirby Misperton, on 31st March. The following were among the ten starters:—Capt. Seth-



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CORPORALS, 1ST BATTALION.

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Smith's *Martin Barber*, Mr. Enderby's *Bold Warrior*, both ridden by their owners; and Mr. Yorke's *Wilfred* ridden by Mr. Butterfield. *Wilfred* was knocked over after a mile; *Bold Warrior* pulled up, after leading the field for three miles; and *Martin Barber*, though unplaced, finished well up.

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At the Badsworth Bona-fide Hunt Military Race at Pontefract Capt. Seth-Smith's *Phantom Duck* and Mr. Enderby's *Bold Warrior* and *Glencairn* started. *Bold Warrior* being ridden by Mr. Butterfield. *Glencairn* went very well in his first outing to finish fourth out of a strong field of eleven. *Bold Warrior* flattered at the beginning, but later made a bad blunder and only finished sixth after being re-mounted. *Phantom Duck* had an off-day and was pulled up.

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Glencairn went again on 8th April in the Sinnington Maiden Race and was unfortunate to come up against *Beeford*, who was obviously in a class by himself and had already won with the Bedale. *Glencairn* gave a splendid display, and finished second.

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On 8th April, Capt. Seth-Smith's *Martin Barber*, and Mr Hobbs' *Flaming Youth*, came out in the Holderness Maiden Race. Nine started, but there was much grief, and only four were left standing after the first time round. *Martin Barber* and Mr. Metcalfe's *Sham Squire* drew out from the field a mile from home, and Capt. Seth-Smith, riding a well-judged race, came away in the last few furlongs to win easily. Starting price 10 to 1. *Flaming Youth* refused at the second fence.

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Mr. Enderby's *Bold Warrior* went in the Nomination Race at the same meeting, and did well to get fourth in a strong field of ten, with several previous winners behind him.

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Capt. Seth-Smith's *Phantom Duck* finished fourth out of a field of eleven in the Nomination Race at the Henworth, on 12th April. She ran well, but was beaten for pace.

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Now comes the Regimental Race with the York and Ainsty, at Easingwold, on 15th April. This deserves a complete article to itself. The following started:—

Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith's ch.m. *Phantom Duck* (owner) .. 1
Mr. S. Enderby's b.g. *Bold Warrior* (owner) 2
Mr. J. A. Sperling's b.m. *Alice* (Troop horse) (owner) .. 3
Mr. G. P. Hobbs' b.m. *Baymare* (owner) 4
Capt. E. G. Pemberton's b.m. *Polly* (Government charger) (Mr. Butterfield) 5
Mr. R. H. Yorke's b.g. *Wilfred* (Government charger) (owner) 6
Mr. M. C. Speir's b.g. *Showboro* (Troop horse) (owner) .. 7
Mr. G. P. Hobbs' ch.m. *Slippery Ann* (Troop horse) (Mr. Fishbourne) 8
Mr. C. R. M. Threlfall's b.m. *Jane* (Troop horse) (owner) .. 9

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Starting Prices.—5 to 4 on *Phantom Duck*; 4 to 1 against *Bold Warrior*; 6 to 1 *Wilfred*; 10 to 1 *Polly*; 20 to 1 others.

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The Easingwold course was the same as last year, except that two of the posts and rails had been supplanted by bush fences, and one or two fences had been made slightly lower. The field got away to a good start, and *Polly* actually led over the first fence. When they settled down to go out into the country, the order was *Bold Warrior*, *Baymare*, and *Polly*. *Phantom Duck* was lying well back, and *Jane* was already tailed off. After about a mile, *Baymare*, going very well, showed in front, followed by *Polly* and *Wilfred*. *Bold Warrior* having refused at the post and rails, had dropped back. At the half-distance the leaders were the same, but *Phantom Duck* had moved up, and ran into the lead soon after the water, into which Mr. Fishbourne fell with a resounding splash. Going up the hill, *Wilfred* took second place, and *Bold Warrior* went up to the leaders. When they came in sight again, a mile from

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BAND AND DRUMMERS, 1ST BATTALION.

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home, *Phantom Duck*, going very easily, had opened up a long gap from the rest of the field.

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Bold Warrior tried to get on terms coming down the hill, but ruined any chance he had by refusing again three fences from home. *Phantom Duck* came on, to win easily on a tight rein. The race for second place was most inspiring. *Bold Warrior* had been passed by four horses when he refused, but came on again to beat *Alice*, who had gone very well, by two lengths. *Polly* deserved to be placed, for she had galloped and jumped splendidly. It later transpired that Mr. Butterfield had jumped the last five fences without stirrups, and so was unable to ride her out.

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Baymare was known to be able to jump, but surprised everybody by the way she galloped, and did extremely well to beat ***Wilfred***, who ran his usual staunch race. Mr. Fishbourne, gallantly re-mounting after his contretemps at the water, finished the course. Mr. Threlfall, after fourteen refusals, came home on his own.

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Nine started.
Nine finished.

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Mr. Enderby also started *Glencairn* in the Nomination Race. He was, however, rather outclassed, and finished sixth out of nine starters.

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Glencairn went again in the Members' Heavy-Weight Race at the Middleton, and finished the season by gaining the success which both his owner and Copp had well earned. He started a hot favourite at 6 to 4 on, in a field of five, which included Mr. Hobbs' *Flaming Youth*. He was never troubled, and won very easily. *Flaming Youth's* prowess is well described by the following cutting from the *Yorkshire Post* :—

> " I also saw a horse caught by its tail before it could be re-mounted. Then I decided that *Flaming Youth* should brighten things up in the last race. He did. For the first time of the day the crowd roared. Mr. Hobbs bowed repeatedly in acknowledgment of the applause. *Flaming Youth* gave an excellent show of buck-jumping. It was worth the two shillings of mine which he carried. He brought it back without going round the course.
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> " We all came home very quietly, in spite of *Flaming Youth*."

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Martin Barber, carrying a five pounds penalty after his win at the Holderness, could not gallop fast enough to trouble a very strong field in the Members' Light-Weight, and finished fourth out of seven starters.

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He finished the season by going in a hunters' hurdle race at Wetherby, where he was rather tailed off, and only beat three of his twelve opponents. However, he was still living at the end—something to be grateful for when one considers some of the riders.

Football.

1st Team Notes.

We have completed our fixtures in the York and District League, running out winners by 1 point. The final position in the table was :—

				Goals		
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Points
24	18	4	2	118	37	38

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On 29th March we met and defeated L.N.E.R., in our return League match and the second round of the Charity Cup. Owing to having a number of engagements to fulfil, L.N.E.R. asked us to let the game count for both League and Cup. After an uninteresting game we ran out winners by 1 goal to nil. Hughes scored for the FIFTH.

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On 14th April we met Ripon City away, and won by 2 goals to 1. Scanlan and Young were the scorers.

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On 16th April we met and were defeated by St. Clements by 2 goals to 1. Hughes scored our only goal.

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On the 19th April we met St. Lawrence. On the result of this match the Championship depended. Fielding a scratch team, we were very lucky in forcing a draw. The hero of the game was Caldell, who scored in the last minute of the game. Result :—FIFTH 3, St. Lawrence 3. Hughes, Scanlon and Caldwell were our scorers.

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On 12th April we met Selby O.C.O., in the final of the York Senior Cup, on York City's ground. Selby fielded half of their senior players, who play in the Yorkshire League. In spite of this we were very unlucky to lose by the odd goal in 7. Our scorers were Hughes (?), Young and Scanlon.

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On 26th April we met Rowntrees (the runners-up in the League this season), in the semi-final of the Senior Charity Cup. A good game was expected, and a fairly large crowd attended to witness the game. Both sides served up good football, and we ran out winners by 11 goals to nil. The score suggests that the game was one-sided, but such was not the case. Craig, in our goal, played the game of his life and saved seemingly impossible shots. Our forwards, too, were in form, and not one of the goals scored could be called a gift goal. Hughes (4), Scanlon (3), Young and Caldwell (2) were the scorers. We have met Rowntrees three times this season and they have conceded 21 goals to our 1.

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Owing to injuries the team has not been at full strength since the semi-final of the Army Cup. Pennock has been called upon to fill the centre or left half positions in each game. He has done his best on each occasion and has not let us down. He deserves special mention, as in the big games he has had to make way for the regular players. The success of the Battalion this season is due as much to Pennock, Stobbart, Malcolm and Postle as it is to the full team.

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Army Cup.

On the 26th March we played the first semi-final of the Army Cup in the history of the Battalion (as far as can be ascertained). We met and were defeated by the Rifle Brigade from Colchester by three goals to nil. On the day's play they were by far the superior team and deserved their success. We had an off day. In the first instance Scanlon, who had been on the injured list for two months, was not really fit and crocked up in the opening stages. Thus the right wing was useless,

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as Malcolm could not be expected to shine on his own against the Rifles' international left back. Craig let two simple shots beat him, and our team lost confidence. The Rifles scored a third goal and thus dashed our hopes for another season. We had high hopes of the Cup, but luck was against us. The shots that beat Craig he saved in nine cases out of ten, and had Scanlon been fit a different tale might have been recorded. However, better luck next time.

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2nd Team Notes.

We have only fulfilled one engagement this month, that being the semi-final of the Half-Holiday Trophy.

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On 2nd April we met and defeated York Ramblers by four goals to one. Brown (2), J. Wilson (1), and Johnson (1) were our scorers.

Serjeants' Mess.

York,
April, 1930.

During the month the Mess has undergone a thorough spring cleaning. Whether this was because of St. George's Day or the mere fact that it *is* spring, we know not.

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Spring has also taken effect on one of our members, to wit, Sjt. (Pony) Moore, D.C.M., who has taken unto himself a wife, and has thus qualified to become one of the Benedicts.

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We take this opportunity of wishing both the very best of wishes.

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The wedding took place on Easter Monday, at the Parish Church, Goole. Several members attended the ceremony and reception.

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" Des " has taken seriously to the noble art of snooker. This may enable some of us who are generally being " stung," to have a game on the cheap occasionally.

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" Des' " war-cry now is, " Where is Joe Davis ? "

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Jacky Co(o)gan has rejoined from his tour as Troop-deck-Sjt., and now we are undergoing courses of instruction in the Chinese tongue.

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Charlie Dyke has also returned, after a tour as Ship's Quartermaster-Sjt. aboard the same ship—the H.T. *Neuralia*—and is twice the size he was when he left. A special derrick was erected to get him aboard when he left us, but it was rumoured that before the first trip was over all ballast was thrown overboard.

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The presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C.S.M. (Nobby) Clarke and C.Q.M.S. West was unavoidably left out of our notes. We take this opportunity of congratulating both, and may they live long to wear one of the most coveted medals awarded.

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Our wireless has been very subdued lately, some blame the euchre school, but the majority of that good body blame the removal of some contraption of " Creeps," which may have something to do with its state of " pianissimo." Perhaps *Blossom* will fix the *blooming* thing later.

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Wierd calls can be heard nightly in the Mess. It's a pub and a er-er-er- on my own. Good old Butty!

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Drum-Major Bailey, of the 7th Battalion, has been with us on a Course of Drummery, and Sjt. McCarthy (attached to Leeds O.T.C.) has been undergoing a Course in the intricacies of Machine Gunnery.

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It is noticed in the euchre school that O.T.C. refreshment is very scarce. We wonder which is the most popular game at Leeds University.

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Sjt. Clare has rejoined us from a Tour of Duty with the 7th Battalion, and as he has obtained certain parts of his 1st Class Certificate of Education, he may be able to tell us the meaning of the word " superessential." Now then " Sammy "!

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We have had staying with us for a fortnight three old dragons from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, namely, Chips Harvey, Bdsmn. Walters and Cpl. Downey, and we hope they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Chips has shown Dessy one or two things at BEETLE and " Poky Die."

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The billiard handicap finished by " Staker " Donovan beating the favourite, " 'Arry 'Obbs." 'Arry says he was talked off the game and could not cope with the unlimited number of Staker's instructors. The cue now reposes in " Y " Company's possession. " Pepp " already has designs on it.

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The great day has come and gone again, and the great preparations that were made are fast disappearing. Marquees were erected on the football ground, chairs dressed by the right, trees planted in close formation, and the usual blobs dotted about the parade ground.

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At 11 a.m., on the 23rd, the Mess had their photographs taken, and then patiently waited for the Parade to start.

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According to reports in the press and from old members, the parade of " Trooping the Colour " was all that could be desired.

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After the Parade, lunch was provided for about 250, and Sjt. Crawley and his Committee are to be congratulated on the excellence of the same.

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At night the Mess held their Annual Ball in the Rialto Ballroom, and this proved as big a success as ever.

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C.S.M. Scott, ably aided by his Committee, are to be congratulated on the decoration of the hall, and the selection of dances which were enjoyed by a large gathering of distinguished visitors. Many old members were present and enjoyed themselves to the full. The catering was carried out by Terry's, of York, who provided an excellent bill of fare.

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We retired after a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to the strains of the "St. George's Troop."

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Mr. Windram and his Band worked hard, and are to be thanked for the excellence of the music rendered for the dancing.

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Telegrams of congratulation were received from the following:—Capt. and Mrs. Hopkins, Serjeants, 4th Battalion, Capt. Sant, Serjeants Locke, Pearce and Humphreys, C.S.M. Chislett, Serjeants, 1st Elgin Regt., Canada, Serjeants, 1st Northumberland Regt., Canada, Serjeants, 6th Battalion, Mr. McLean, Col. and Mrs. Turner, R.Q.M.S. Ambury, W.O.II. Gibbs, C.S.M. Hiorns, R.S.M. Pullan, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Crawhall, Major Gordon Douglas, and Major Thornton.

Corporals' Club.

April, 1930.

Congratulations are extended to the following on the promotion to Lance-Serjeant:—Cpls. Dixon, Smart, Naylor, and Waterhouse. Our loss is the Serjeants' Mess gain; also the undermentioned on their promotion to Corporal:—Lce.-Cpls. Gray, Thompson ("C" Coy.), Johnson (H.Q. Wing), Gibbs, O'Hara, and Parker. The undermentioned have been appointed Paid Lance-Corporals:—Lce.-Cpls. Stephenson, Paindavoine, Sinton, Adlard, Metherill, Crowdy, Ryder, Hughes, Rogers, Mullen, Irving, Drake, Whiley, Anderson, and Lees.

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Cpl. Gibbs has left us to go to civil life as a policeman. The fold wish him luck in his new *walk* of life.

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Cpls. Madgin and Turnbull have rejoined us after completing a Tour of Duty at the Depôt, and in their place Cpls. Reid and Luke have gone.

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The writer of these notes nearly committed a catastrophe in omitting from the list of promotions to Corporal the name of the bane of the Club, namely Lce.-Cpl. Stockton. Since his promotion he has been a strong advocate of the abolishment of Lce.-Cpls.

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Since the promotion of his pal, our famous military campaigner of '06 is very forlorn. No longer can he quaff a pint with the same relish as he did in days of yore with his pal. There is a rumour going around the Club that he has caught the love fever, so he must be making amends for losing his half section.

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The Club members wonder why our campaigner, each Friday night, comes looking for a fair-haired Lce.-Cpl. There is always a look of rage and passion in his eyes, so he must mean trouble. The general opinion of the members is that it is over a dark-haired young maiden in BLUE.

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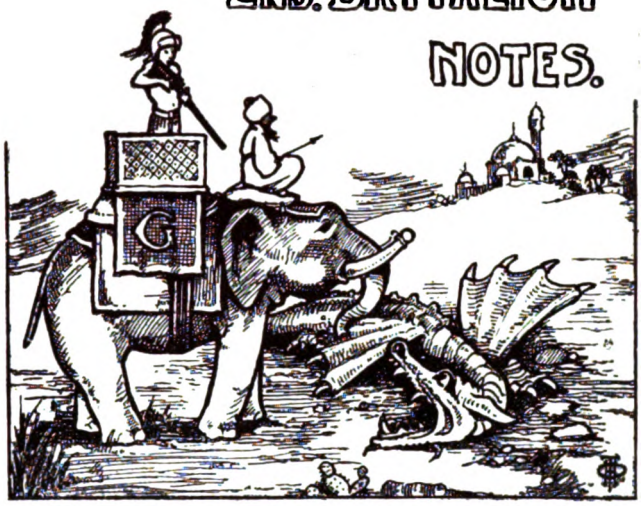
We welcome Lce.-Cpl. Williams to the fold on his being posted to this Battalion. May his and his family's stay be a happy one.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Kasur Camp,
March, 1930.

THE cold weather is now practically over, and we shall soon be beginning to think regretfully of the frosts of Kasur and the blazing fires in our bungalows at Lahore. It is practically hot enough for shirt sleeves during the day, but the evenings are still delightfully cool.

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The long round of sports meetings and boxing tournaments finally terminated during the first week in March, and we are now engaged almost exclusively in Soldiering.

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We had better luck in the District Hockey Tournament than we had at football, and finally succeeded in winning it, after two extremely close and exciting games in the semi-final and final.

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In the semi-final we succeeded in beating our old friends the Royal Scots Fusiliers, by the narrow margin of one goal, after double extra time had been played; and in the final, we also defeated the Indian Army Ordnance Corps by one goal, after a most exciting match. The I.A.O.C. had a very good team, but our team were really on their mettle and played a most excellent game, in which it would be invidious to draw attention to any particular player, as all played extraordinarily well.

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A very full account is given elsewhere of the District Boxing Tournament and of the Burt Institute Boxing Tournament, but we would like to say how well our team and individual boxers acquitted themselves, considering the shortness of the time available for training.

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The Staff College Entrance Examination was held in Birdwood Barracks at the end of February, and we had several of the candidates staying with us, who harrowed our feelings daily by gloomily exhibiting the papers they were required to answer. We were pleased to see that the Examiners had reproduced one time-honoured question at least, that of attempting to reconcile two entirely contradictory statements on the same subject, as enunciated by two of the greatest authorities

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on the Art of War. Capt. Hogshaw was our only candidate this year from the Battalion, and we sincerely hope that he has succeeded in defeating the Examiners.

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Major Baxter was one of the Board supervising the examination, and to while away the tedious hours, busied himself with a few documents ; he has forwarded us the following couplet :—

" Twas March the 5th in " C " Coy.
Old Baxter's work was done ;
Book 64 and 238
Agreed with 121."

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On the 8th and 9th of March several Officers went to Patiala for a shooting and pig-sticking expedition, at the invitation of Mr. Wadalia, who has been attached to us for the last year, and had a most enjoyable time, an account of which is given elsewhere. As a sequel to this trip, the Maharajah of Patiala accepted an invitation to dine with the Officers in Lahore, on Friday, 14th March, and came to dinner on that day, attended by two members of his staff, one of whom was Major Jaswant

OUTSIDE THE OFFICERS' MESS, KASUR CAMP

Singh, the famous member of " The Tigers " team, which was so successful in England in 1923.

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We were very pleased to receive a flying visit from Brigadier Sandilands at the end of February, on his way back to Peshawar from Delhi.

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Mr. Earle and Mr. Flower departed on eight months' leave to the United Kingdom on 11th March, both looking frightfully depressed at the prospect of being unable to remain with the Battalion during its last hot weather in India.

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The tongues of rumour, by the way, have at last been temporarily stilled, by our having received unofficial (but fairly authoritative) information, that we are to go to Shanghai. " To build castles in China " is now the favourite occupation of all ranks, and we are glad to say that rapid strides are being made in the learning of pidgin English : a new phrase was even discovered in the *Weekly Times*, by our language expert—apparently " to abscond " is " to go NINGPO MORE FAR."

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We trust that we will not really have much occasion to use this phrase, in spite of the low rate of exchange.

At present we expect to move up to Dagshai on 16th April. This will make the first occasion during this tour abroad that

TOMB OF MIAN MIR, LAHORE CANTONMENTS

St. George's Day Parade has been held in the hills. As Dagshai is so near to Simla, we are hoping that the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief will both be able to accept invitations to attend the Parade.

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The Annual Inspection of the Battalion by the Brigade Commander takes place on Wednesday, 19th March, and we have been busily practising for it for the last few days. Our first attempt at that delightful but archaic movement, " Form square!" was not entirely devoid of its slight element of humour, but having dipped into Wellington's campaigns on our return to breakfast we were able to view it in its proper perspective.

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Major Braddell is due to arrive on 25th March, and we are much looking forward to seeing him.

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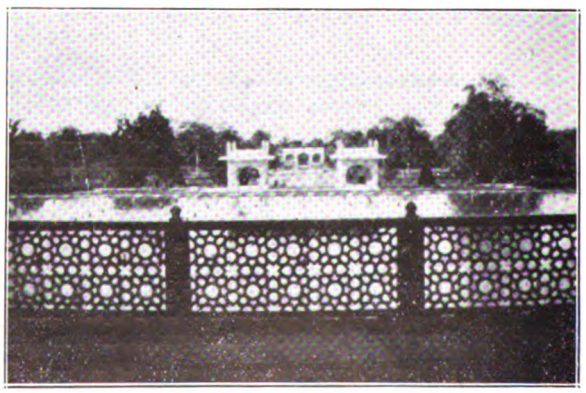
Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Martin went on a tiger shoot at the end of last month, and returned, alas! without a tiger, but with many stories of hairbreadth escapes from peril in the impenetrable jungles of the Terai. One of their fellow



SHALIMAR GARDENS, LAHORE.

guests on the shoot was the Governor of the Andaman Islands, who so imbued them with a desire to pay him a visit, that

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only two alternatives now remain—one, to commit a suitable crime, so that they may obtain transportation for life to that delectable archipelago, and the other (and we feel the more easy), to arrange for our transport to call there when *en route* to Shanghai.

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As our readers are probably aware, "Civil disobedience" is now supposed to be in full swing in India, and we had intended to state what progress Mr. Ghandi had made on his pilgrimage from Ahmedabad; but the news sheets are singularly reticent on the subject, and we are unable to discover whether this is due to Government intervention, or to the fact that arrangements to provide Mr. Ghandi with his three lemons a day have broken down, and that he is consequently marooned in some obscure rural district in the vicinity of his starting point.

Polo.

This year the Infantry Polo Tournament was held at Bareilly, commencing 10th February. We decided to enter a team, and the following were selected to play:—Mr. W. R. M. Clifford, Mr. H. A. Ingledew, Mr. E. O. Martin, Mr. R. S. Surtees.

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Whilst watching the opening match of the Tournament the following remark was overheard: "Oh! the FIFTH, they will probably win the Tournament. They have only brought 14 ponies with them, but they have over 40 good ponies to choose from." The author of the remark would be surprised if he knew the trouble we had in collecting 12 ponies. In fact, but for the kindness of Mr. Bolster, in lending his two recently purchased ponies, we should have been unable to enter for the tournament at all.

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In the first round of the Infantry we came up against the Welch Fusiliers, who are stationed at Quetta. They had taken two months' winter leave (only possible from Quetta) and toured India, ending up with the Infantry Tournament. They had done particularly well at Delhi, where they beat a team of the C.I.H. and narrowly missed beating Kashmir.

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1st Chukker.

We started rather shakily, and were continually on the defence. David scored for the Welch during a mêlée near the goal. We rallied a bit after this, but they had several more shots at goal, which fortunately went wide.

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2nd Chukker.

This was a much more even chukker. The play was fast. Both Clifford and Ingledew narrowly missed scoring. Martin's pony came down with him, but fortunately there was no damage to man or pony. At the end of the chukker the score still was—Welch 1, FIFTH 0.

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3rd Chukker.

This was probably the fastest chukker of the match. Play was continually changing from one end of the ground to the other, by long shots on both sides.

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4th Chukker.

We were repeatedly attacking, but without avail. Surtees and Martin made a bold attack, which unfortunately gave the Welch Fusiliers a goal, as the ball struck one of their ponies. The Welch quickly took advantage of this and scored whilst our defence was out of position.

The match ended 2—nil, in favour of the Welch Fusiliers.

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Although defeated, it was a first-class game to play in; and many spectators said that it was the fastest game of the Tournament to watch. The Welch Fusiliers eventually won the tournament by beating the 60th Rifles in the final.

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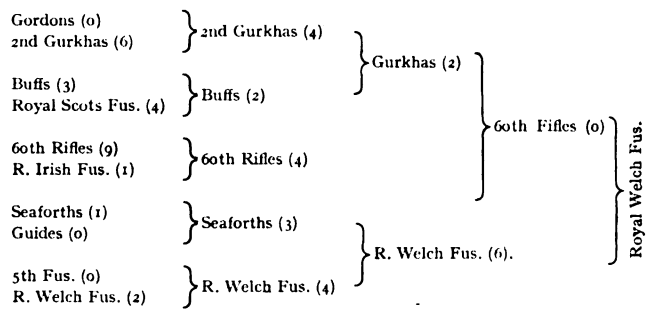

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There was a local handicap Tournament, in which those knocked out in the first round of the Infantry were allowed to enter.

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In this tournament we met the Guides Infantry, whom we beat by 3½ goals to 3 goals. We received half goal on handicap. It was a good game.

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We started the fourth chukker, Guides 2, FIFTH 1½. Ingledew scored twice in quick succession, which made us 3½ goals. The Guides scored just before time, which made them 3 goals.

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In the semi-final we met The Buffs. We played level on handicap. They scored in the first chukker. In the second chukker we scored, but they retaliated quickly and put themselves ahead again. After this we made repeated efforts to score, but their defence held out. The last chukker was a very fast chukker. Several times we thought we must score, but their defence was too good. Our last shot at goal, their No. 2 stopped the ball on the shaft of his stick in the goal mouth. The Buffs, therefore, passed into the Final by beating us 2—1. In the Final The Buffs (received 4 goals) beat Skinner's Horse 4—2.

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Although unsuccessful, we had three excellent games at Bareilly, as a wind up to our Polo in India. We are now trying to sell our ponies in view of moving overseas next year. In fact we have already sold several.

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Without getting sentimental, I should like to say how some of us would like to put in a word of praise for our ponies. Our reserve ponies were not good, and in several cases, a player, both at Bareilly and Lahore, played only two ponies throughout the tournament (three matches in both cases).

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In fact one player played one pony 2½ chukkers in a four chukker tournament, as he lost his pony when she came down with him.

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PONIES PLAYED.

Val, played by Mr. Ingledew (owner, Mr. Ingledew).
Streak, played by Mr. Ingledew (Mr. Ingledew).
Express, played by Mr. Ingledew (Mr. Ingledew).
Wendoline, played by Mr. Clifford (Mr. Clifford).
Mickie, played by Mr. Clifford (Mr. Bolster).
Flash Alf, played by Mr. Martin (Mr. Martin).
Black Bess, played by Mr. Martin (Mr. Martin).
Bluestone, played by Mr. Martin (Mr. Martin).
Otto (reserve), played by Mr. Martin (Mr. Martin).
Jill, played by Mr. Surtees (Mr. Surtees).
Goodie-two-shoes, played by Mr. Surtees (Mr. Surtees).

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Both Mr. Clifford and Mr. Surtees used Mr. Bolster's *Pindi* as a reserve, but they did not have to play the pony.

A Week-end at Patiala.

H.H. The Maharaja of Patiala recently invited us to go to Patiala for the week-end for pig-sticking and shooting. Mr. Wadalia went ahead and made the most complete arrangements for our two days. Thus, when Messrs. Bolster, Bradford,

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Lean and Hesketh arrived on Saturday evening, they were at once taken off to see a cricket test match at the Old Fort and the Palace.

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The following morning we set out for pig-sticking at 6.45. At the meet we found a Regiment of Infantry and two Squadrons of Cavalry, with elephants and camels, as beaters. For two hours they beat a patch of jungle, but nothing rideable came out.

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However, at the end of the beat, it was reported that a large boar had broken back through the beaters.

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The fun now began, we rode back through the jungle as hard as we could. This is an art in itself which comes of experience.

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Mr. Hesketh had a difference of opinion with his horse as to which side of the tree they should go.

The result was that the horse hit the trunk of the tree and Mr. Hesketh landed among the branches. Mr. Bradford is

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said to have came down on the flat, none of us stopped to see how he got on to a bobbery horse with a spear in one hand, but he says that it was not easy. The pig in the meantime had escaped us.

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After another beat we rode back towards our lunch rather disappointed, but fortunately we were told there were pig in the fields beside the road.

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We split up into two heats, which found and had a good hunt.

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After a fast hunt in the open we got one pig, Mr. Lean getting first spear, closely followed by Mr. Bradford.

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It was easier riding in the open, but we had some good jumping, and a railway to cross.

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After having lunch on the spot we went back to the guest

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house. The pipes, fifes and drums played during dinner. We quite thought the " British Grenadiers " was for our special

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benefit and the bandsmen must have felt very flattered at our appreciation of a tune that they were playing as part of their ordinary programme. After dinner the village dancers and musicians were brought in, but as we had another early start the next day, we could not sit up to see the whole performance. At the shooting rendezvous next morning we found His Highness' army elephants and camels as usual.

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We were provided with an elephant, gun and rifle each. Fortunately Col. Foster and Capt. Hogshaw had arrived the evening before, as they got most of the bag. Besides an elephant each, there were two spare elephants—one for fruit and drinks, the other for ammunition.

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The elephants and beaters moving in line were a fine sight—but it is jolly hard to shoot off an elephant.

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The bag consisted of 78 head of black buck, pig, hares and partridges. Mr. Wadalia got a very good 24in. black buck, and the Colonel's large bag contained a pig of remarkable size

CHINKARA SHOT BY LIEUT. FOSTER AT AHMEDNAGAR.

(we won't say what size, but it was remarkable). We shot again in the afternoon, after an excellent lunch. We did not all approve of the bag to each gun being paid out separately at the end of the day.

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The Infantry on this occasion were out for about 16 hours; but even so, many of them ran home. We then went to the Palace, where the Maharajah entertained us and gave us an opportunity of thanking him for such a marvellous week-end. Our departure was rather an anti-climax, because we arrived at the station in a large Rolls-Royce to see our train going out, and had to sleep in the waiting-room for two and a half hours in the middle of the night, waiting for the next one.

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After such luxury it is rather a come down to be riding around barracks on a push bike.

Sergeants' Mess.

March, 1930.

Danny was once a dead-eye; so he informed us as he came in the Range with his Hopton-Cup Championship rifle. "What! It'll not shoot, Sir?" "Let me try it." Crash! It has hit the target, anyway—magpie—outer—wash-out (must have pulled that one off)—inner—pause, click. So now we know. Danny has shown us that one cannot shoot unless a violent push is given by the shoulder against the butt, thus assisting the bullet to take a straighter trajectory. If one does get a misfire, the rifle must be immediately dropped in case of explosion, at the same time, knock the topi swiftly forward so as to cover and safeguard the eyes. Blushing is not necessary.

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Plonker says that in rapid firing there is no need to aim off the wind. In rapid fire the bullets travel faster and therefore the wind will not have time to take any effect. If the rifle fires to the right, move the dhurrie to the left.

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Jimmy, the one with the curly hair and flags, has introduced a new song into the Mess, "The Chandler's Shop." Copies may be had on applying direct to the composer. Also wicket-keepers' gloves may be had on loan from the games storeman to protect the hands.

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The time will ever be when man will delight in his secret clubs and societies. Some clubs have cuff links and others rings, as a sign of membership. Ours has a lump of brass with a hole in the centre; a most untidy thing to carry in one's trousers pocket, and a marvellous way it has of wangling its way out of the trousers pocket into the jacket pocket, where it ought not to be, thus causing many oaths to be sworn and a constant lightening of the purse. The founder of our A.O.B.C. being Tiffy, the highest and most noble D.A.

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Our old soldiers are ever telling yarns of their great deeds. The man who fired the 4.7 on the Somme was beaten by the man who dragged it there; also the man who swam the Tigris was beaten by the man who swam it thousands of times They delight in keeping us youngsters sitting with ever-gaping mouths. If we mention that we were foot-sore on the march to Rustum, or Kasur, they say, "Nothing to the march from France to Germany," as if it was our fault. If we mention way back in 1674, the Armourer retaliates by saying, "My old Regiment, the Ordnance Corps, didn't do that in 1299."

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Some day we will be old soldiers ourselves. Perhaps we will tell yarns, too.

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Staff-Sjt. Jones (Bunker), who left us on arrival in Lahore to join the Auxiliary Force, came to see us during the month. We were all pleased to see once again that old smiling face with moustache complete. He is looking quite his old self and has not altered the least bit.

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We are sorry to lose two of our old throng—Sjt. and Mrs. Green, who have left us to join the N.W.R. Auxiliary Force. We wish them luck and hope they will not forget us.

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A farewell dinner and social was held in the Mess at the beginning of the month in honour of R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, who has since left us to return to civilian life. Toasts were given and speeches were made, and all felt the parting to come. The Band was in attendance, and after dinner they entertained us with a musical evening.

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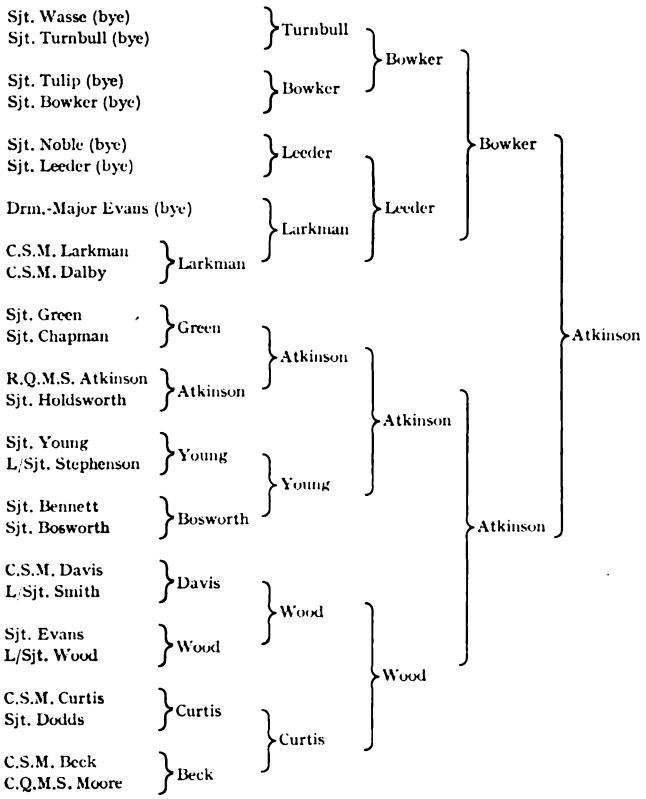
A Billiard Tournament was held in the Mess, and the following are the results :—



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The biggest break was that of R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, with a break of 30, and the second was that of C.S.M. Davis with 26.

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On the 15th the Serjeants played "C" Company at hockey in Birdwood Barracks.

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It looked an easy win for the Serjeants at half time, who were standing 2—0, but in the second half "C" Company managed to score three goals while the Serjeants only scored one.

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Both teams thus playing a draw at full time of 3—3.

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We congratulate C.S.M. Curtis on being presented with a baby boy. This is his first. May he have many more to follow.

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At Lahore all electric lights are dipped at 9 p.m.

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It was in the Mess garden, on a bright moonlight night. Everyone was sitting talking quietly when a small cloud, as small clouds often do, faintly obscured the moonlight, at the same time the bugler on duty played the Officers' dinner call.

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Suddenly the Drum-Major, full of confusion, jumped up and felt for his watch. "Hang that Drummer," he shouted, "he's let me down again; he ought to have blown that call at a quarter to nine." Then he wondered why everyone was laughing.

We congratulate the undermentioned on their promotion and welcome the new members into the Mess :—

Sjt. Wasse, to C.Q.M.S.; Lce.-Sjt. Holdsworth, to Serjeant; Cpl. Davies, to Lance-Serjeant.

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We welcome W.O. Education R. H. Sibbald to the Mess.

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By the departure, after completion of 22 years' service, of No. 7211124 R.Q.M.S. E. V. Atkinson to U.K. per the s.s. *Kaiser-I-Hind*, *ex*-Bombay, on 8th March, 1930, the Mess loses a staunch friend and indefatigable worker.

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His activities in connection with the social welfare of the Mess have been endless, and the present happiness which pervades all members is due in no small measure to the efforts of the R.Q.M.S., upon whom the burden of responsibility of

R.Q.M.S. E. V. ATKINSON.

the past few years had fallen. During the last two years he has been called upon to preside in the temporary absence of the Regimental-Serjeant-Major. The time and labour which he has spent in the interests of the Mess whilst occupying the chair, and the success which attended his efforts can only be appreciated by those who have been privileged to share the comforts and enjoyments resulting from his work.

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R.Q.M.S. Atkinson enlisted in April, 1908, in that famous Regiment (now disbanded), The Royal Munster Fusiliers. He served with that Regiment until its disbandment in July, 1922, when he was posted to the Fifth Fusiliers.

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During the period of 14 years with The Royal Munster Fusiliers he served in India, Burma, Gallipoli, and France.

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He was employed for ten years in the Orderly Room of The Munster Fusiliers, and was for three years Orderly-Room-

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Colour-Serjeant and two years Orderly-Quartermaster-Serjeant (W.O. Class II.) with that Regiment. He joined the FIFTH as O.R.Q.M.S., and remained in that office for three years until appointed Regimental-Quartermaster-Serjeant in 1925.

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R.Q.M.S. Atkinson served abroad with The Royal Munster Fusiliers during the years 1908 to 1914, and with the Fifth Fusiliers from 1922 to 1930—a total of 14 years—a considerable portion of his 22 years' service.

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He is in possession of the following medals :—1915 Star, General Service, Victory, and Long Service and Good Conduct. During the Great War he was also mentioned in despatches.

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A keen athlete, he was a member of the Regimental football and hockey team of The Royal Munster Fusiliers when that Regiment had few equals at sport in India, and at the time when their hockey team won the All India Cup in two successive years—1912-13. He was also a member of the football team which won the Rangoon League for three successive years.

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Whilst with the FIFTH the R.Q.M.S. has represented the Regiment at both cricket and hockey, and was an ever-present in all Serjeants' Mess teams. A good tennis player, he has reached the finals of many tournaments, but we have never been privileged to see him carry off the finals.

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To the very last the R.Q.M.S. upheld his sporting characteristics. Only two days before his departure he succeeded in annexing the Serjeants' Mess Annual Billiards Challenge Cup—a success which was well merited, as he has been our outstanding cueist for many years.

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Having joined as a Fusilier he leaves as a Fusilier, with the best wishes of all and the hopes that he will have much prosperity and live long to enjoy his well-earned pension.

Boxing.

During the last month we have completed two team competitions, each followed by an individual competition. Though many good boxers have left the Battalion during the last year, we can congratulate our very young team on hard and clean fighting, and giving a very good account of itself, usually against teams of older and more experienced boxers.

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In the first round of the Lahore District Boxing we met the 1st Bn. The Rifle Brigade. The latter were an older team, and very well developed individually, with a longer reach. Though the Rifle Brigade beat us by 13 points to 11, it was really a close thing, because both Fus. McKie and Fus. Dobie lost very close fights on points. Had either of these won, we would have had a second chance of saving the match with Fus. Wright the extra light-weight. The fighting was as clean as one could wish for, and the referee had no occasion throughout the match to caution either side. The Rifle Brigade, however, were a good team, and it was a pleasure on the following night to see them go so near beating the Leicestershire Regiment, who are a first-class team.

The individual competition which followed was rather spoilt by all the competitors of the Leicestershire Regiment, and many others, scratching. However, the fights in which we were concerned are recorded later.

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During the following week the Burt Annual Boxing Tournament took place, and our team went down determined to avenge its previous defeat, and did so by beating the Highland Light Infantry and Royal Scots Fusiliers in the same day—though we lost in the final on the following day to the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

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Our match with the Highland Light Infantry resulted in a win for us by 14 points to 9. Our only losers were Fus. Seymour, who put up a very good fight, in spite of the fact that he was unable to use his right hand, and Fus. Ferguson, who had come into the team at short notice to take the place of Cpl. Palmer, who was medically unfit. The H.L.I. had no heavy-weight to meet Fus. Dobie, but it is satisfactory to think that we won without the advantage of the two clear points that this gave us.

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In the evening we met the R.S.F., who had fought on the previous day. The team, however, proved fit enough for a second match, and scored another victory by 13 points to 11. The start was depressing because we lost the first three fights :—Fus. Carroll, Fus. Seymour and Fus. Marshall. But Fus. McKie then came in to win, and his example was followed by the remainder of the team so that we won 5 fights to 3. Good luck attended us on this occasion because Fus. Ferguson won on an accidental foul in the first round. Not that Fus. Ferguson showed any signs of losing, but he might have ; in which case the extra light-weight would have decided the issue. It was a great pleasure to see both Fus. Dobie and Lce.-Cpl. Morley win.

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On the following evening we met the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the final. They were a well-trained team who had reached the final by a series of easy victories. We started at a disadvantage because Lce.-Cpl. Morley and Fus. Seymour were both medically unfit to box. The former's place was taken at light-heavy by Fus. Leach, who is really a welter-weight, and who put up a very good show by beating his opponent, who was really a middle-weight. In the case of Seymour we had no substitute who stood any chance of winning, and so were forced to accept one point for scratching on medical grounds.

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Though our team fought hard and well, the R.W.F. were too good for us, and beat us by 14 points to 10. Our only winners were Fusrs. McKie and Leach. This was the first occasion on which Fus. Miller lost his fight for the team, and he only did so after an extra round with a man who had a far longer reach. In the same match Fus. Marshall was beaten in a very good fight. Marshall did not appear to be able to show his usual good form as a result of the two strenuous fights he had had on the previous day. As first-string light-weight he usually met one of the best boxers in the opposing teams.

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We will now attempt to record the part played by each individual :—

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Fus. Carroll, Fly and Bantam-Weight.

Lost to Pte. Griffiths, Norfolk Regt. (Individual Fly-Weight), on points.

Beat Pte. Lane, H.L.I. (Team Bantam), on points. This was a good fight in which Carroll gave away weight, and though he started badly, picked up towards the end and won on an extra round.

Lost to Cpl. Barber, R.S.F., in the team (Bantam). Carroll again improved in the last round, but Barber was too good for him.

Lost to Lce.-Cpl. Durruan, R.S.F. (Bantam), in the team, who won by a knock-out in the first round.

Fus. Carroll must be considered to have done well, as he was usually fighting above his weight, but he would do better if he could start serious boxing at the beginning of the first round, instead of waiting till the third, when it is often too late to make up for the points lost at the beginning.

Fus. Smyth, Bantam-Weight.

Lost to L. A. C. Andrews, R.A.F. (Individual), on points. Smyth, however, fought well and made good use of his right. He has a good punch and a long reach, and should improve with training and experience.

Fus. Cornforth, Bantam-Weight.

Lost to Sjt. Spratt, R.B. (team), in the first round, Cornforth did not show his usual form, which was probably due to his exertions in getting down to bantam. It is doubtful whether he will be able to get down to this weight again.

Fus. Seymour, Feather-Weight.

Beat Rfmn. Gould, R.B., on points (team), after three good rounds in which Seymour showed that he was the better boxer, though Gould had the longer reach.

Lost to Bugler Nayelton, H.L.I. (team), on points, after three very good rounds, in which Seymour lost by a narrow margin, though he was unable to use his right hand.

Lost to Fus. McCaughey, R.S.F. (team), who won a knock-out in the second round. Fus. McCaughey was the bigger and stronger of the two, and Seymour, who was still unable to use his right, did not appear to have entirely recovered from his hard fight with Nayelton in the afternoon. In these circumstances Seymour put up a very plucky show and showed that he was as good a loser as he is a winner.

Beat Pte. Mortimer, Norfolk Regt. (Individual), on points.

Beat Fus. Proctor, 5th Fus. (Individual), on points in the final of the Lahore District Boxing.

Fus. Seymour is our most experienced boxer. He has fought well throughout and carried on gamely in spite of a bad hand, until the doctor would not let him fight any more. His injury was a serious loss to the team, who all regard him as a certain winner when he is fit.

Fus. Marshall, Light-Weight.

Lost to Cpl. Webb, R.B. (team), by a knock-out in the second round. Webb was the bigger and stronger man, and forcing Marshall on to the ropes, appeared to knock him out by rather a lucky blow to the point.

Beat Pte. Fearns, H.L.I. (team), on points after three rounds. Fearns was a wild hitter and ducked wildly, too, but Marshall kept his head and used his left most effectively, and showed that he could hit hard.

Lost to Lce.-Cpl. Murray, R.S.F. (team), on points. Marshall was suffering slightly from the effects of his hard fight in the afternoon. He fought very well in the first round and won it, but he could not stay two more rounds and pluckily stood up to a great deal of punishment to the end.

Lost to Fus. Stephens, R.W.F. (team), on points. The first round was hard and fast, Marshall leading on points ; the second round was level, but Stephens was able to last the third round better than Marshall, who had had two hard fights the previous day. Stephens won the fight on the last round.

Beat Lce.-Cpl. Coombes, Hampshire Regt. (Individual), and walked over Cpl. Webb, R.B., to win the Individual Light-Weight competition in the Lahore District boxing.

Fus. Marshall is a good boxer and a hard hitter, a valuable member of the team, who is improving every time he boxes. It is unfortunate that he has not always got the stamina required of a light-weight, but that, we hope, will come.

Fus. Wright, Light-Weight.

Beat Pte. Bone, Leicestershire Regt. (Individual), on points.

Lost to Drmr. Lindsay, Seaforth Highlanders (Individual), on the fight being stopped by the referee in the second round. Wright had the same evening fought a four-round contest with Tpr. Hall, 9th Lancers, which he lost after a very good fight.

Wright was the reserve light-weight for the team and was ready every time the team fought, in case of a draw, but we never had to call him in, which we should have done with considerable confidence, because he is a good and experienced boxer.

Fus. McKie, Welter-Weight.

Lost to Rfmn. Barryman, R.B. (team), on points, after a hard fight in which McKie won the first two rounds, but lost the fight on the third round by a narrow margin.

Beat Pte. Maxfield, H.L.I. (team), on points. McKie stood out and boxed better than he has done before. Though he lost the first round his superior boxing and hard hitting wore down his opponent, and he won the third round comfortably.

Beat Fus. Macdonald, R.S.F. (team), on points. McKie showed no signs of weariness as a result of his hard fight in the afternoon, but stood out and boxed well to win an excellent contest—mainly in the third round.

Beat Drmr. Karchargis, R.W.F. (team), on points. Karchargis was the bigger man with a long reach, which he knew how to use. McKie showed cleverness in protecting himself when at a distance and scored on in-fighting, by which means he narrowly beat a good boxer.

McKie has greatly improved. Having lost his two fights at the District Boxing he showed at the Burt that he had learnt when to use his reach, and gained three valuable wins for the team.

Fus. Miller, Welter-Weight.

Beat Rfmn. Fox, R.B. (team), in the first round, when the fight was stopped in favour of Fus. Miller, who had worn his man with a series of hard blows with his left.

Beat Lce.-Cpl. Draper, H.L.I. (team), in the first round by a knock-out after one minute, having previously put his man down for six seconds.

Beat Fus. Wallace, R.S.F. (team), by a knock-out in the first round.

Lost to Fus. Shepperd, R.W.F. (team), on points after an extra round. Shepperd was a bigger man than Miller, with a longer reach. Miller boxed cleverly, and got inside Shepperd's

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reach to land many good blows, but Shepperd was too big and fit to be knocked out. Shepperd also scored by means of his reach. Miller, finding that he could not win on a knock-out, boxed to win on points, and only lost after an extra round which was also close.

Fus. Miller also won the District Individual Welter-Weight competition by beating Trooper Hill, 9th Lancers, in the semi-final and receiving a walk-over from Pte. Jury, Hampshire Regt., in the final.

Fus. Miller has a very hard punch for his size, and is a great asset to the team on account of his cheerful confidence and the way in which he usually disposes of his man in the first round. But in his fight with Shepperd he showed that he could box as well as hit. It was only by good boxing that he took Shepperd to an extra round before being beaten on points.

Cpl. Palmer, Middle-Weight.

Lost to Rfmn. Sullivan, R.B. (team), by a knock-out in the second round, having been about level on points in the first round. Cpl. Palmer only came into the team at the last moment, when the football was over, to take the place of Fus. Whittle, who was in hospital. It was a good effort, and had Cpl. Palmer had the time to train, there is no doubt that he would have given a better account of himself.

Fus. Ferguson, Middle-Weight.

Lost to Lce.-Cpl. Davis, H.L.I. (team), after a fast and hard fight, in which Ferguson's lack of training told towards the end.

Beat Fus. Morning, R.A.F. (team), by a foul accidentally delivered by Morning at the end of the first round.

Lost to Lce.-Cpl. Griffiths, R.W.F. (team), by a knock-out in the second round, having fought well in the first round.

Ferguson shows signs of becoming a good boxer, and has made a good start with this Battalion by taking the place of Cpl. Palmer (who had hurt his arm) at very short notice, and giving a good account of himself in spite of his lack of training.

Lce.-Cpl. Morley, Light-Heavy-Weight.

Beat Rfmn. Diggins, R.B. (team), by a knock-out in the second round. Had Morley known his own strength he might well have won in the first round.

Beat Pte. Garner, H.L.I. (team), on points after three rounds of hard hitting.

Beat Fus. Dick, R.S.F. (team), on points after three rounds. Dick was smaller, but the better boxer. Morley, however, wore him down by means of his size and weight, and gained the decision by a narrow margin.

Morley has done well, but when he learns to use his reach and to hit hard and straight, he will do much better. He has the necessary physique for boxing, and this has carried him through so far, but he might improve his boxing to beat good boxers of his own weight, which we hope he will do.

Fus. Leach, Light-Heavy-Weight.

Beat Cpl. Redcliff, R.W.F. (team), on points, after hard and fast rounds. Fus. Leach is really a welter-weight, but Morley having a bad hand, Leach took his place against Redcliff, who is really a middle-weight. Leach won narrowly by sheer hard fighting, hard hitting, and continual attacking against a more experienced boxer.

Fus. Dobie, Catch-Weight.

Lost to Rfmn. Price, R.B. (team), on points, after three rounds. Dobie was the bigger and stronger, but Price was too quick for him and evaded his blows. It was a close fight—skill defeated strength.

Beat Fus. Murray, R.S.F. (team), on points, after three rounds. Murray is a boxer who usually takes punishment in the first two rounds and wins the third. In this case he took the punishment, but found Dobie too big and too fit to allow himself to be beaten in the third round by an opponent whose style of boxing was much the same as his own.

Lost to Pte. Huggins, Hampshire Regt. (Individual), on points.

Fus. Dobie has the necessary size and strength for his weight, and should be useful when he has learnt how to hit out and use it, which, like Morley, we trust he will do.

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As a result of the District Individual Boxing we have four competitors going to Rawal Pindi for the Northern Command Individual Boxing Championships—Fus. Seymour, Marshall Miller and Carroll. We wish them the best of luck and success.

Except at middle-weight, where we had to put in substitutes at the last moment, our team entered the ring quite fit to go their three rounds. For this they have to thank Sjt. Tulip, whose patience and perseverance in training contributed largely to their successes.

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Depot.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
22nd April, 1930.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from General Sitwell, Colonel Athill and Lt.-Col. Cruddas.

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The following Officers have recently been attached to the Depôt for training :—2nd-Lieut. J. C. Hutchinson, 2nd-Lieut. T. E. Hudson (Supplementary Reserve of Officers), 2nd-Lieut. G. E. Gunner (Royal Grammar School, O.T.C., Newcastle-upon-Tyne), and 2nd-Lieut. G. R. Ward (Sedbergh School, O.T.C.).

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Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., was "dined out" by the Officers of the Depôt on the 10th April, and was afterwards taken to the Empire Theatre. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of activities, and hope that his "Wayleaves" will frequently lead him to visit us at the Depôt.

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The result of the monthly Inter-Squad Room Competition was as follows :—

1st, April Squad and November Squad tied for 1st place.
2nd, February Squad.
3rd, March Squad.

The winning Squads were granted a week-end leave.

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We now have the following Squads at the Depôt :—February Squad (strength 26), March Squad (strength 26), and April Squad (strength 33).

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November Squad (Sjt. Cross) proceeded to join the 1st Battalion on the 17th April.

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Sjt.-Instr. W. Gent, A.E.C., has left us on being posted to Catterick. We are sorry to lose him, more especially as he was of great assistance to our Rugby and Association Teams. Sjt.-Instr. Huxford, A.E.C. (attached Depôt D.L.I.) now reigns in his stead, as the experiment of having only one A.E.C. Instructor at a double Depôt is in the process of being tried out.

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Cpl. Taylor is proceeding to Aldershot on 28th April for the purpose of undergoing a Serjeant Master Cook's Course.

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Cpl. Sylvester has returned to us from Aldershot where he qualified at a Fire Fighting Course.

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We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the following who have so kindly made presentations to the Officers' Mess :—Capt. M. M. Hutchinson (D.L.I.), set of silver coffee spoons ; Capt. Lynden Bell, coffee machine ; Lieut. Holdsworth-Hunt, six early morning tea sets (5th/68th R.D. Delph).

Regimental Museum.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following presentations :—Col. Athill, flintlock gun captured from Boers ; Major Baxter, photograph album, "B" Company, 1st Battalion.

Cross-Country Running.

This month's Inter-Depôt Cross-Country Run again resulted in a win for The Durham Light Infantry. However, we hope to turn the tables later on, as the Squads improve in training and physique.

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The results of the two Inter-Squad Cross-Country Runs held this month are as follows :—

1st Run.—1, February Squad, 194 pts ; 2, April Squad, 198 pts. ; 3, March Squad, 276 pts.

2nd Run.—1, April Squad, 135 pts. ; 2, March Squad, 228 pts. ; 3, February Squad, 303 pts.

Boxing.

The 5th/68th Inter-Depôt Boxing Competition took place on 7th April, and once again proved to be very close, The Durham Light Infantry winning by the odd fight in seventeen.

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The boxing was of a higher standard than has been seen at the Depôt for a long time and reflects well, not only on the Instructors but also on the boxers, who showed ability, keenness and courage.

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A list of the results is given below.

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At the conclusion Major Chenevix-Trench congratulated both teams on their excellent display, and presented the Shield to The Durham Light Infantry.

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We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Major Palmer for once again refereeing, and Q.M.S.I. Kelly, C.S.M. Moon and the Gymnastic Staff for their excellent arrangements.

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5th/68th Regimental Depot's Inter-Depot Boxing Tournament, April, 1930.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Ross beat Pte. Jones.
Fus. Oldfield beat Pte. Armstrong, after extra round.
Fus. Boase lost to Pte. Gray.
Fus. Gresswell beat Pte. Appleby.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Bell lost to Pte. Jenkinson.
Fus. Lawton beat Pte. Samuels.
Fus. Brown lost to Pte. Moody.
Fus. Ward lost to Pte. Steward.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Fieldhouse lost to Pte. Findlay.
Fus. McFarlane beat Pte. North.
Fus. Marsh lost to Pte. Brown.
Fus. Rooney lost to Pte. Collins.

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Morrell beat Pte. Lee.
Fus. Dick lost to Pte. Nunn.
Fus. Taylor lost to Pte. Young.

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Robson beat Pte. Convery.
Fus. Goodwin beat Fus. Headley, after extra round.

Depôt Durham Light Infantry, 26 points.
Depôt 5th Fusiliers, 25 points.

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn-on-Tyne,
April, 1930.

AS usual, the beginning of April has seen the commencement of the pre-camp training, except that on this occasion we commenced operations a week later just in case we should be made April fools, as our first training night would have fallen on the first of the month, and of course nobody ever seems to bother about the first night.

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Just by way of preparation, a tactical exercise was held at Hexham race course, and most of the Officers and N.C.O.'s attended. This occurred on the 23rd March, and yet the Paymaster person at York still fails to understand why and how Mr. Cruddas can drive the C.O.'s car, and that he can, and does, and did—why not ?

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Yarridge heights seemingly proved more than usually exhilarating as solutions to terrible military situations were quite vigorous.

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On the previous Sunday, 6th March, Mr. Todd gallantly led his flagwaggers through an unprecedented blinding snowstorm to Dukers Hagg in the vicinity of Prudoe, and he was most emphatic that they did actually execute their allotted three hours' training, and, furthermore, that they were able to teach themselves something. The flagwaggers are hot stuff.

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Now that the magic 1st April has come and gone—what has happened ?—where are we ?

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The newspapers tell us that we now have a Machine Gun Company just like the Regulars. We know it. We've had it a long time.

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The press tells us that we have an extra Major on our establishment, and they go so far as to tell us who it is and all about him. But we know that, too. It was official from the War Office.

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So far as one can gather the change only took place on paper, i.e. a piece of " W " Company made a sort of castle move with a piece of H.Q. Wing.

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It was a very clever move on the part of the Army, but it doesn't deceive us. Not a bit. Besides, Capt. Gibson, our M.G. Company Commander, doesn't look a bit different from what he did on the 31st March.

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We have had quite a lot of promotions and honours and things going on amongst us lately, and perhaps it would be well to start at the top.

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Our C.O., Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, has been made a county magistrate, and he has our congratulations. We don't quite know, however, whether to him is due our greater sympathy or respect.

Anyhow, let us hope that he doesn't find the bench too hard, and, by the way, we are looking forward to seeing local press columns full of Morpeth magisterial satire.

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Congratulations to Major Hare on his promotion to that rank, and to Capt. Fryer on his Regular Captaincy.

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Perhaps the former may now feel inclined to slacken off his grasp of the Champion Company Cup, anyway, according to the rules of the game, he ought now to be above such trivial competition.

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We are sorry to say that R.S.M. Newton has gone where old soldiers go—into retirement—and he has our best wishes.

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R.S.M. Blakey has succeeded him, and we feel that he will do well, and that Newburn Detachment boxing may get a much-needed lift up.

C.S.M. Locke has gone back to his " Prudoe Guards " in their hill station, and we have in his stead, C.S.M. Dannaford, from the 1st Battalion.

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Congratulate us. We have found amongst ourselves a genius. We didn't think we had it in us to have genius, but we have.

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Our Master Cook, Sjt. McIvor, has invented some patent process for keeping meals hot. Napoleon said that an army marches on its stomach, and now, after a hundred years or more, how well Sjt. McIvor keeps those words warm.

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We hope to feel the benefit of his invention in Camp, and, furthermore, we like to feel that one day the whole British Army will be McIvor hot-fed.

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To pass over to sporting news, we are sorry to say that we have lost one of our best footballers in Lce.-Cpl. J. G. Laverick, of " X " Company, but we have, at any rate, the gratification of knowing that he has gone for the benefit of first-class football,

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He has been "joined up" by Aston Villa A.F.C., and we hope to see him figuring in First League football next year.

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There is very little more news to give except that the C.O., the Adjutant and Company Commanders intend going to Catterick on Sunday, 4th May, to inspect the Camp site and to look over the training areas.

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St. George's Day is fast closing in on us and our various arrangements are not yet complete, but whatever the decisions, a round of social obligations is bound to come.

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Our poor, poor tummies, however, *Quo Fata Vocant.*

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
25th April, 1930.

THIS year Spring did not appear on parade at the appointed time, but managed to arrive a day later, the 22nd March, being a foretaste of the warmer and lighter evenings which are to come.

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Coinciding with this phenomenon the Quartermaster has pulled up his "shop" shutters and has arranged his "Spring Suitings," one new, one part worn, etc. (4 years' wear guaranteed), for the expected rush of new clients, and also for those old friends who have agreed to accept another 4 years' credit.

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So far the rush has not materialised, but there has been a steady flow of inquiries and a number of contracts signed during the month.

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In short, we expect to be the strongest Battalion in the Brigade this year, as well as last.

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Our present strength is 19 Officers and 562 Other Ranks.

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One of the chief events of March was a Staff Ride, which was held around Morpeth on the 15th/16th. It was originally intended to have all the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s out on the 16th, but this had to be postponed until next month, which, as events happened, was all for the best, as the Sunday turned out to be a wretched day.

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The rendezvous was at the Queen's Head, Morpeth, on the Friday evening. Here the scheme was explained, and two questions were quickly disposed of in favour of a third, which concerned a "Talkie Ball." This proceeded until 3 a.m., except for one Subaltern who had perforce to return home somewhat earlier, after attempting to cultivate amicable relations with a certain gentleman in an opera hat.

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Saturday, the 15th, proved cold and somewhat damp, and the battle was long and tedious, and everybody was only too glad to return to quarters. Mention must be made, however, of a very excellent lunch partaken of at the Anglers' Arms, at Weldon Bridge. Unfortunately, or otherwise, our angling Company Commander was absent. The evening proved exciting, however, and successful night operations were carried out. Many and strange were the abodes taken up during these "hops"—pardon, "ops."

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One Company Commander insisted upon bivouacing in a baby's cot, with his pink pyjamas outside the door as the sign of Company Headquarters.

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A certain Staff Officer aided by the Subalterns eventually persuaded the said Company Commander to retire to bed—*minus* his pyjamas.

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After further skirmishing, night 'ops were brought to a successful conclusion by certain orders from the "higher command" regarding some strange remarks about "commercial tariff," which the mere subaltern was unable to comprehend.

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At the close of operations on Sunday, a certain Machine Gun Company Commander thought he would visit the R.E. park in his mechanised lorry for the purpose of replenishing with fuel (Haig's spirit).

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Unfortunately there lay a foot of snow on the side of the hill leading up to the park, and as this had not been thought of when the Machine Gun Manuals were written, reinforcements in the form of the C.O., the Adjutant, the Quartermaster, and three Company Commanders and sundry Subalterns were requisitioned to push the said Machine Gun Company Commander and his armoured car up the hill. It is only fair to add that the Company Commander did not get out and push.

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Boxing, as part of Battalion work, is proceeding apace, and more and more enthusiasm is being shown by the Companies, especially the Gosforth Detachment of "D" Company. Unfortunately the Boxing Competition arranged for 3rd March had to be postponed until 27th March.

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"C" Company (Wallsend) held a Whist Drive and Dance on the 21st March, with the object of raising funds for promoting a Boxing Club in the Company, and a good response was forthcoming. We believe the other Companies at Walker are also sitting up and taking notice, and it is hoped before long to have boxing established as a permanent feature of each Company's programme.

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This year we had several competitors in the T.A. Championships held at St. George's Drill Hall, on the 28th February and 1st March. In the Middle-Weight Class, Fus. Lowes, of "D" Company, put up an exceptionally good show against an experienced opponent. He made a good start, and at the end of the first round had his man measured, and eventually he secured the verdict by a k.o. In the semi-final he met Fus. Bell, of the 4th Battalion, and again proved a match for his man, winning by a comfortable margin of points. In the final he met Fus. Thompson, of the 4th Battalion, and again won on points after a gruelling contest.

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Fus. Timney, of "D" Company, also won the round in the

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Light-Weight Class, defeating Fus. Bell, of the 6th Battalion, but in the next round he had to give way to Pte. Cox, of the D.L.I.'s. Appended are the results :—

FIRST SERIES.

Light-Weight.

Fus. Timney (*winner*) *v.* Fus. Bell (6th Bn. N.F.).

Feather-Weight.

Fus. Bell *v.* Fus. Gordon (6th Bn. N.F.) (*winner*).

Fly-Weight.

Fus. Purvis *v.* Fus. Marshall (6th Bn. N.F.) (*winner*).

SECOND SERIES.

Middle-Weight.

Fus. Lowes (*winner*) *v.* Fus. Bell (4th Bn. N.F.).

SEMI-FINAL.

Light-Weight.

Fus. Timney *v.* Pte. Cox (D.L.I.) (*winner*).

Fus. Gordon *v.* Fus. Beresford (6th Bn. N.F.) (*winner*).

FINAL.

Middle-Weight.

Fus. Lowes (*winner*) *v.* Fus. Thompson (4th Bn. N.F.).

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In the T.A. Championships, held in London on the 14th March, Fus. Lowes, who had fought his way through the Middle-Weight Class here, came up against some very experienced boxers and was beaten on points by Sjt. Wright, of the R.A.M.C. With experience, Fus. Lowes will no doubt greatly improve, and ought to make himself felt in Northern boxing circles. This being his first appearance at London in the final, we hope that he will be successful at his next attempt.

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No. 4266228 Fus. Timney was presented with a Cross-Country Championship Medal at the Boxing Competition held at Gosforth on 27th March.

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This year drilling for the trained men does not begin until 1st May. By thus shortening the time for this purpose, it is hoped to get the majority of the men on parade at the same time, which, it is anticipated, will lead to greater efficiency in each Company. This also allows more time to be devoted to Lewis Gun and Section Leaders' Courses at the beginning of the season.

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Up to the present two rounds of the War Game have been played, or, rather, fought-off—namely, H.Q. Wing *v.* "C" Company, on the 11th March; and "B" Company *v.* "D" Company, on the 25th March. "A" (M.G.) Company have been fortunate in receiving a bye in the first round, but they are due to meet H.Q. Wing on the 8th May. H.Q. Wing managed to account for "C" Company, and "B" Company and "D" Company proved a draw.

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This month we regret to announce the retirement of our Adjutant, Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., who has been with us for the last three years.

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He joined the 1st Battalion in 1915, and served in France during the Great War.

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From 1919 to 1923 he served with the Somaliland Camel Corps, from thence he went to the 1st Battalion on the Rhine, where he acted as Weapon Training Officer.

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Twice mentioned in Despatches, he was awarded the D.S.O. and M.C. for Meritorious Service in France.

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Captain Newstead will not, however, be very far from us, as he has taken up a lucrative (so we hear) appointment in the vicinity of Newcastle. As this appointment is one where tact is of the first consideration, we are expecting to find our late Adjutant among the "inner circles" of high finance within a very short time.

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Captain Newstead is receiving no "swan song," as we know that he is not leaving us for long, and we soon hope to see him with us again.

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The Machine Gun Courses, which were held this month, proved very successful. The class, which was held during the day, was attended by 19 W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men, and the night classes attracted 16 of the M.G. personnel.

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This year the St. George's Day arrangements are as follows :—

23rd April—St. George's Day—Officers' Dinner.

25th April—Serjeants' St. George's Ball.

27th April—St. George's Church Parade.

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Two Officers' Conferences have been held at Headquarters this month, on the 11th and 25th.

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C.S.M. E. D'Orey, of the Permanent Staff ("C" Coy., Wallsend), attended an 8-weeks' Course at the M.G. School, Netheravon, from 4th October to 29th November, 1929, and qualified as Q.1.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
April, 1930.

THE new T.A. Establishment has had its effect upon our Unit, by the appearance of a new Major, in the person of Major F. Dawson, M.C., who commands our Machine Gun Company. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to him, and we welcome him into the "Great Majority."

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Recruiting has been slow, but we are glad to see that those we have are exceedingly smart and are taking a great interest in their drills. They are quite the smartest Squad at drill that our recruits have produced for a great many years.

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Congratulations also to Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., on being appointed Brigade Transport Officer. This is a very familiar rôle to him, as he held this post for three years in the War, with a highly-organised staff of batmen, clerks and grooms, who all knew the correct reply to give to the Staff Captain's demands. Capt. Clayton's duties will be lighter now, as the soldier is a bit closer to his victuals, but it is a tribute to the Brigade *esprit-de-corps*, and the Transport personnel in particular, to think he will find a large number still with us who all served under him in France.

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On St. George's Day we were officially informed of Capt. T. P. Parmeter's retirement from the Battalion. Capt. Parmeter joined our Battalion in early September, 1914, but unfortunately, for health reasons, he was not allowed overseas. It took at least five doctors to keep him at home, but he has proved to us all that a weak heart can be a large one. During his years of service, he has been responsible for our Mess practically all the last ten years, and proved the great backbone in our Battalion corpus.

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He now passes on to the Reserve, but it is some relief to us to know that he is still one of us, and that we shall see him in Camp, living the ordinary life of a Territorial Officer without the incumbrance of pay.

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We feel delighted to think no farewell is due. His services and capable organisation can be ill spared by the Officers, but we fear the H.Q. Wing, which he commanded for so long, will miss him sorely.

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Below we print some notes that appeared in the *Newcastle Daily Journal*:—

"Capt. Parmeter, 5th Fusiliers (T.A.), whose retirement was gazetted yesterday, joined the Unit in September, 1914, and later served in this country with the Second Line, Third Line (as Adjutant), and the 4th (Reserve) Battalion, subsequently commanding the 80th Territorial Force Depôt at St. George's Drill Hall. Since the reconstruction of the Battalion after the War he has been in command of the H.Q. Wing, and has proved himself a popular Mess President during the past 11 years. Through the generosity of Capt. and Mrs. Parmeter, a stained-glass window, to the memory of the 44 Officers of the Battalion who fell in the Great War, was unveiled and dedicated in the Officers' Mess four years ago. The kindly thought which prompted the gift was in keeping with the great interest he has always shown in the welfare and traditions of the Unit. Capt. Parmeter was one of the pioneers of the Cadet movement in Northumberland, and, in addition to many other activities, he is an active member of the Executive Committee of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society."

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The Battalion Route March was held on Wednesday, the 17th April, and new country, practically devoid of tigers, was explored. The Parade was one of the best we have held, over 300 being on parade. Our march through Shieldfield and Byker seemed to attract the usual amount of healthy interest and excitement in spite of the cold weather, and General Crozier. Over twenty recruits joined us that night and in the next few days. The marching and bearing of our recruits was exceedingly creditable, and confirmed the writer's opinion, expressed long ago when he first started this month's *Gazette* Notes.

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A photograph, which we hope will be published, may be of some interest. It is a group of Officers taken before dinner, when the 1st Battalion and several others honoured us with their presence at dinner on the 8th February. The dress of some of our own Subalterns could be improved, but perhaps they do not often wear ties.

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St. George's Day has been with us, and left a memory that cannot be called red-hot by the time these Notes appear. Those of us who were sufficiently fortunate to see the Trooping of the Colour at York realised what St. George's Day must mean for our Regular Battalions, and the relief to all concerned when the Parade is over. It is a pity that all our Battalion could not see it; the drill and movements were faultless to a man; the whole ceremony being most impressive and exact.

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Our Officers held their Annual St. George's Dinner and we were glad to welcome our Divisional Commander, Major-Gen. H. W. Newcome, and Major Daly. Others present included Col. W. H. Ritson and Col. E. Temperley, both old Commanding Officers, and Col. J. H. Mc. I. Gordon, who now commands the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders and who was our first Adjutant after the War. We were especially pleased to see both Col. and Mrs. Gordon in our midst once more. They come a long way to honour us, and we value much their interest in us all.

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The members of the Serjeants' Mess held their Annual Ball that evening, and it proved as popular as ever. It was most efficiently run and in a thoroughly hearty manner. The Officers and their guests, including Gen. Newcome, came after dinner, and those who could brought their wives, sisters, or fiancées, as the case might be. We must, as usual, express our thanks for so much wholesale and wholesome entertainment from the Serjeants' Mess, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Ball is a very well-known City function, and attracts representatives from all the Units in the district.

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The St. George's Ball, for Corporals and Fusiliers, was held on Saturday, the 19th April. Over 400 were present, and, thanks to the success of the Regimental Club, everyone present was able to be entertained in a soothing, if not luxurious, manner. Those who were responsible for keeping the peace, and to whom the success of the evening is much due for acting as Masters of Ceremonies, were Drum-Major Snowdon, Cpls. Melton and Black, and Lce.-Cpls. Thackeray and Snowdon.

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Col. and Mrs. Wilkinson were both present, and our Commanding Officer lead off the Grand March Lancers with Mrs. Melton.

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Our thanks are due to our Quartermaster for the trouble entailed at a very difficult time, and to all who kindly helped to prepare the Hall, organise the refreshment department, and, what is just as important, to demolish all appearance of revelry in time for the next parade.

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Our Band was a great success and played certain items of music of which we would much like to hear more.

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St. George's Sunday was observed on the 27th instant with all our usual attention. In spite of a very misty and damp morning we had a most satisfactory parade of over 260. The Colours were carried by Lieuts. Gardner and Pearey, with C.S.M. Chisholm, C.Q.M.S. Nockels, M.C., and C.Q.M.S. Burn as the escort.

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Our parade was strengthened by association with our Depôt, and if we speak of ourselves, it must be understood that we write from a Territorial point of view, and in no way an attempt to conceal our gratitude for everything our Regular Battalions teach us and permit us to learn. We believe we are right

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when we say that the liaison between the Regular Battalions and all the Territorials in the Regiment is a matter of astonishment—and gratification—to many of the authorities in the Regular Army, and, to the writer's knowledge, a source of much envy in the eyes of other Territorial Units.

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On our Church Parade we cannot make any complaint as to recognition by the civic authorities. From our start from the Drill Hall, until our return, we had the impression, perhaps an inflated one, of playing a good part in the City's life. The Constable of the City had made the usual admirable police arrangements, and it was flattering to find they were all necessary. Crowds like pageantry, even of the type that Territorials can put up, but behind it all we felt that our citizens welcomed us, and still appreciate a spirit of service and discipline.

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We were accompanied by a large body of our own ex-Service men, under ex-C.S.M. Sharp, late of "C" Company, and more than ever before were on parade. We were delighted to see them, and hope our Colonel's wish for their continued appearance upon the Parade will be fulfilled.

VISIT OF THE OFFICERS, 1st BATTALION, JANUARY, 1930.

4th Row.—Lieut. J. A. Crisp, Lieut. G. L. A. France, Lieut. R. E. B. Mortimer, Lieut. W. G. Ouzman, Lieut. R. Potter, Flight-Lieut. H. Mechan, 2nd-Lieut. A. M. K. Martin, 2nd-Lieut. S. G. March, Lieut. A. C. Collingwood, 2nd-Lieut. K. O. Potter, Lieut. and Adjt. F. H. Butterfield, Lieut. P. Gardner, Lieut. G. E. N. Everett.

3rd Row.—Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., Lieut. and Adjt. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt, Capt. C. S. Graham, Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith, Lieut. R. C. Stockley, Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Capt. and Adjt. T. Bennett, M.C., 2nd-Lieut. G. P. Hobbs, Lieut. A. H. M. Field, Lieut. G. P. Gregson, Lieut. H. W. Pearey, 2nd-Lieut. J. A. Spearling, Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke.

2nd Row.—Mr. F. J. Crawley (Chief Constable), Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., Lt.-Col. R. Stephenson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. F. Dawson, M.C., Capt. T. P. Parmeter, Capt. A. Angus, Capt. C. B. Carrick, M.C., Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. (Commanding the 4th Bn.), Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., Capt. H. A. Little, R.N., Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., Lt.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson (Commanding the 7th Battalion).

Front Row.—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Commanding the Regt. Depôt), Lt.-Col. W. A. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D., Major E. A. Palmer, M.C., Major-General W. H. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (G.-O.-C. Northumbrian Division), Lt.-Col. R. H. St. J. Booth, D.S.O. (Commanding the 1st Bn.), Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. (Commanding the 6th Bn.), Lt.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (G.-O.-C. Northern Command), Major G. F. Bell, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. (Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade), Col. K. G. Buchanan, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. (Commanding the 5th Bn.), Bt.-Lt.-Col. K. A. N. Anderson, M.C.

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Our Cadet Battalion, under Cadet Colonel Stephenson, were also with us, and we hope it will hasten an entry into our ranks of some recruits whom we always expect, and we are afraid, obtain in too small numbers.

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We imagine that the vast majority of those who read these notes are also readers of the *Newcastle Daily Journal*, and it would be idle to give a repetition of an admirable account that appeared in that paper. The Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, the Deputy Lord Mayor, the Under-Sheriff, the Deputy Town Clerk, and the Chief Constable, with several other members of the Corporation, with their ladies, were present at the Service, where the Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Canon Bateman-Champain, preached the sermon.

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The Divisional Commander, Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.M.G., and our Brigade Commander, Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, were also present with Major Daly, Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, and a large number of ex-Officers and old friends of the Battalion.

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The Lord Mayor, with Major-General Newcome and Colonel Warde-Aldam, took the salute as the troops marched past at the Stephenson Memorial, a place far more suitable than the old site near the Town Hall.

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At luncheon at the Officers' Mess, we had the following guests :—The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor J. G. Stephenson and Miss Stephenson, the Sheriff, Mr. J. G. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon, Major-General H. W. Newcome, Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam and Mrs. Warde-Aldam, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench and Mrs. Chenevix-Trench, Lt.-Col. R. H. St. J. Booth, Canon Bateman-Champain (the Vicar of Newcastle), Lady Leith, Colonel and Mrs. E. W. R. Pinkney, Mr. F. J. Crawley, the Chief Constable, and Miss Crawley, Major Daly, Cadet-Colonel Stephenson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. M. Gordon, Bt.-Colonel W. M. Anderson and Miss Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. L. Criddle, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner, Mr. M. Murton, and practically a full complement of our own Officers and their ladies.

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In accordance with our custom, our Commanding Officer extended a hearty welcome to the Lord Mayor and the Sheriff, and pointed out that this day was reserved in our annals as one set apart to enable the Battalion to show fealty to the City.

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On behalf of the Battalion we would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Lord Mayor for his thoughtful act in honouring our War Memorial on St. George's Day. It was a service much appreciated and highly valued by those whose kith and kin are there commemorated.

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The Annual Re-union Dinner of those who served at the Battle of St. Julien on the 26th April, 1915, was held at our Drill Hall last Saturday. Colonel G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., presided, and was supported by Colonel E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., Colonel Eric Temperley, D.S.O., Bt.-Colonel Wm. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Major A. B. Thompson and Capts. R. W. Nicholson and F. C. Clayton, M.C., with Major G. F. Bell and Capt. H. D. K. Davis, M.C., as visitors. Thanks are, indeed, due to Drm.-Major Snowdon and Mrs. Snowdon for all the arrangements made, so efficiently and constantly, each year. Over 100 were present, but there is ample room for more, and one notices a habit among some of appearing alternate years only. We hope that better times will enable a larger crowd to be there next year. The evening provides a great epoch in St. George's Week, and keeps the Fusilier spirit going. The recollection of the great part the Brigade played in this Battle is one that should not be allowed to fade. It proved a source of encouragement during the war, and we hope it will continue to act as a stimulus to the Battalion's progress.

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Greetings on St. George's Day were received from the following :—The Depôt, the 1st Battalion, the 2nd Battalion, and the 4th, 5th and 7th Battalions, Major and Mrs. St. John, Lieut. R. C. Stockley, Capt. J. Leese (formerly our Adjutant), Capt. N. B. Ramsay, M.C., and Mr. Eric Wilson (of Nigeria).

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We close this month's notes with an account, received from an anonymous correspondent, of a great trek to York, and the hockey match we had with our 1st Battalion on Saturday, the 20th March. Whilst we fear that the account of the actual match makes very small reading, the story of "The Trail of '98" will prove very interesting, particularly to the brave pioneers who ventured in that well-known covered wagon, "the haley."

Hockey.

To some folk hockey is just—well—er—hockey. A game in which 22 players, armed with sticks, do their utmost to bang, batter and bully a ball to bits. The reason for having a ball at all is to ascertain which side has the better slams. Of course, there are two kinds of slams, grand slams and slight slams. A grand slam is scored when the defending goalkeeper is missed and the ball bangs against the boards on the inside. A slight slam is made when the ball bangs against the goalkeeper's body. A grand slam is the only one which counts in the score—it is named and counted as a goal.

Then there is a side amusement of "sticks" (not related to gum, or our winter Grand National horse-leaping or even broadcasting). If one hits an opponent on the chin, or any part of the head, it stops play and the victims' side have a free slam from the spot where the offence was committed. One is at liberty to slam an opponent below the chin without incurring the referee's displeasure—although the recipient may not be pleased, the only course left open to him is to wait for the return slam.

To other folk, hockey is very much more than hockey. If you have to undertake a journey on a comet, or a plunging Haley, before you can get within bullying distance of the ball, ere the journey ends, you will want to have the game classified with fox-hunting, ratting, fishing and whiskey poker as being a cruel sport.

Those with good memories will recollect that, on Saturday, the 20th March, the dawn broke quite noiselessly, and found most of us doing our morning "half-dozen" in the clean, crisp, fresh air of our respective back-yards, or other wide open spaces. At least seven good, strong, handsome men will never forget that dawn. They had remained awake all through that long wearly night, not fearing for the morrow, but wondering—yes! just wondering. An occasional quick intake of breath reminded them they were still sleepless and wondering

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. . . about the meeting at the Hall at noon, and who would be selected to travel *via* Alvis, Riley, or Haley . . .

And so at noon, following the dawn mentioned above, eleven fit, healthy folk assembled at St. George's Drill Hall for the purpose of collecting hockey kit, and being transported by road to York in the two cars and the other vehicle mentioned, for the purpose of playing the 1st Battalion at hockey.

The question of whether two white vests were good enough to look like a white shirt was settled by the production of the eleventh white shirt.

Then came zero hour—the selection of those who ride in cars or vehicle. Volunteers were asked for the last-named conveyance, but the response was not! Then a secret meeting between the owner-drivers and the part-owner-driver, a sequel to which was to send two of the team for articles in the Hall, i.e. one had to secure a pipe from the mantlepiece in the Mess, the other, a box of matches from the Club. The condemned messengers departed on their respective errands . . . In their absence the remainder of the team embussed in the cars, and were soon heading for Darlington.

Then the unfortunates returned with pipe and matches. It will be quite impossible for an ordinary human to register the expression which was on the countenance of each when they learnt their fate—if you have stolen a banana from a monkey you will have some idea—rage—disappointment—disillusionment—dis——everything! They were lead quietly to the vehicle, and placed therein while in a numb condition. With the help of two policemen and a nurse, the Haley, belching forth fire, brimstone and treacle, began to move towards Gateshead. After much squeaking, groaning, tearing and swaying, Darlington was reached. The victims made various excuses to escape further mental and physical anguish, but it availed them nought, for the part-owner-driver was determined to do his worst and get them to York by road.

The vehicle continued its racketing plunge towards York. The passengers did not keep their eyes on the road, but towards heaven—and they were closed. They hoped when a crash came they would hit some soft spot (one did). That their fears were not without foundation was soon to be proved. The Haley, seeing a small bridge, tried to emulate the Comet, took the sparking plugs between the "spare" and the "back panel," and was over, a wonderful leap. Then, as she came to earth again, there was a fearful "crack" from the back. The driver said "Back axle"—one passenger said "No." The other said not a word—he was unconscious. His head had tried to rupture the roof, but failed. As the vehicle approached Fulford Barracks there was a murmur from the back seat—sounded like "Thank heaven! Hospital!"

The Alvis had arrived at the Mess so there was plenty of help to remove the bodies from the vehicle. Mr.—— looked very ill and much older than when the journey began. Sjt.—— looked different, was different, and felt awful—but relieved. With assistance they changed into hockey kit and were lead into the arena. Our inside forwards did not appear to be as alert as they should have been. But then, THAT journey . . .

The game (Sub-Editor, "At last!") For the first twenty minutes or so neither side scored, the play being very even, then the 1st Battalion proved themselves the better; the 6th Battalion forwards being quite unable to take possession of the ball given them from their wings and backs. The back play on both sides was excellent. The 6th goalkeeper must be mentioned. He had never played hockey before, but had kept goal playing Association football. His ideas changed but little from football. Whenever the ball came near he dropped his stick and threw himself at the ball. A gallant defender, who did everything except head the ball. The 1st Battalion representatives fully deserved their victory of six goals to nil. It was a good, clean, interesting game.

Goals were scored by Mr. Enderby (3), Sjt. Obey (1), Sjt. Hackett (1), Capt. Buckley (1).

The 6th Battalion team consisted of Messrs. France, Gardner, Field, Pearey and Crisp, C.Q.M.S.'s Burn and Young, Sjts. Fife, Falcus and Crowdy, and Cpl. Hoggins.

We take this opportunity of again thanking Col. Booth, the Officers, and Serjeants for their kindness and hospitality. The whole team thoroughly enjoyed themselves, both on the field and off, during their stay at York.

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Sequel to outward vehicle journey. (Scene) York Station Booking Hall. Passengers: "Two single tickets to Newcastle, please."

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
22nd April, 1930.

CONGRATULATIONS to Major E. H. Watson, on his promotion to Field Rank.

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Major Watson was one of the first Officers to join the 2nd Line, 7th Battalion, on the outbreak of the Great War, serving under Lt.-Col. G. Reavell, O.B.E., T.D., and Lt.-Col. Hart, also the late Lt.-Col. Robert Scott. He was very soon promoted to the rank of Captain and appointed to command a Company in that Battalion. Later, when it was decided that the second Line Division would not go overseas as a complete Unit, but as drafts to the first Line Battalions, Capt. Watson, as he then was, was posted to a Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and with them saw some of the severest of the Somme fighting in 1916–17. He was invalided home in 1917 and served with the 4th (Reserve) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers at Catterick and elsewhere, until he joined the 1st Line 7th Battalion in France in October, 1918.

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On the reconstruction of the Territorial Army after the war, Major Watson at once joined up and was given the command of "B" (Ashington) Company. He commanded this Company until two years ago, when he transferred to "A" Company (Morpeth), which he is continuing to command.

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Major Watson takes a very keen interest in everything relating to the Territorial Army. For many years now he has been on the Council of the Northumberland Rifle Association and is indefatigable in the execution of the duties involved. Both "A" and "B" Companies have had notable successes at the County Rifle Meetings since he became their Company Commander.

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At present Major Watson is enjoying a long sea voyage for the good of his health, and we understand he was the recipient of many congratulatory wireless messages on the appearance of the *Gazette* notice.

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All Ranks also join in heartily congratulating R.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M., on his appointment as Regimental-Serjeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion. He is leaving for India almost immediately.

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The loss of Serjt.-Major Dipper will be a severe one to the 7th Battalion, but we can truly say that our loss will be no inconsiderable gain to the 2nd Battalion, and we can assure them that they are very lucky in their choice. Since he relieved R.S.M. Rowsell (1st Bn.) four years ago, Dipper has put in a lot of very hard "graft" with us, and his efforts have been not a little responsible for the sound state of the Battalion to-day. He has enjoyed great popularity everywhere—not least in the Serjeants' Mess—and is everywhere looked up to as representing what a real soldier should be and do.

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Our very best wishes go with him—and we hope it will not be long before we are able to congratulate him on some further promotion—which we feel sure he richly deserves.

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At the same time we wish to extend our congratulations to C.S.M. Ratliff ("D" Company) on his promotion to R.S.M.; and we feel sure that he will be a very good successor to his two excellent predecessors at Alnwick since the war.

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Company Training is in full swing again.

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Last Sunday "B" Company and the Band held their St. George's Day Church Parade at Ashington.

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Next Sunday all Companies are having their "St. George's Sunday Church Parades. The Band goes with "A" Company at Morpeth, and the Drums will be on parade at Alnwick with "C" Company. "D" Company at Berwick are borrowing the Town Pipe Band, and the Mayor and Corporation are also turning out.

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This week is a very strenuous one—even more so for a Territorial than a Regular, if that is possible.

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A number of us hope to be present at the "Trooping" at York on St. George's Day. Then, next night, two of our Companies are holding their Annual Balls—viz., Morpeth and Berwick. The following day sees the Aid Society's Ball in Newcastle, while on Saturday, the 26th April, we have our Annual Officers' Dinner at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick. On 2nd May the Alnwick Detachment Ball will be held in the Drill Hall.

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We had a very enjoyable and instructive Tactical Exercise for Officers in the Morpeth District during the week-end 22nd/23rd March.

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We put up at the Queen's Head, Morpeth, for the Saturday night, when the C.O. held a conference to fix the details of Company Training, Sunday Drills, and a host of other things.

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Early on the Sunday morning saw us out on the ground—towards Long Horsley.

The Brigade Commander was early on the scene and remained with us until the conclusion of the exercise—just short of the River Coquet at Weldon Bridge. He very ably depicted the scene for us.

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Apart from the cold—which was at times intense—everything went very well, including lunch, which we had at about 1 p.m., and we finally broke up to return to our various home tasks at about 3 p.m.

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Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P., is going to spend part of the Parliamentary Recess doing an attachment to his old Regiment—The Bays. This will no doubt be more congenial than making or breaking Budgets, and the like!

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Telegrams conveying "best wishes and good luck" were received from Major and Mrs. St. John, Major E. H. Watson, Depôt, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions.

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Present strength—Officers 21, Other Ranks 535.

Fifteen Years Ago.

It was in April, 1915, that the 7th Battalion had its first taste of real fighting.

We entrained at Blyth Station on the 20th (it was a Tuesday), and landed at Boulogne early on the morning of the 21st. After long marches the following two days, we arrived at dusk on St. George's Day in some woods in rear of Vlamertinghe, where two Companies were at once put into Reserve trenches, the rest of the Battalion being concentrated near the road. Just before arriving at our destination we passed the 2nd Battalion, lying in bivouacs alongside the Ypres-Popperinghe Road, and very sorry we were that our roses had somehow miscarried, all the men of the 2nd Battalion having theirs up as they gave us a cheer in passing.

Quite uninformed as to the general situation, it seemed strange that we should be actually in the trenches so soon after leaving the peaceful coast of Northumberland, but we were yet to learn that the Germans had launched their first devilish gas attack, and that things in front were in a very critical state.

Next day, the Saturday, we stood by ready to move at short notice, and orders came in the early evening to march. We were soon on the move and marched east towards Vlamertinghe and Ypres. At the cross-road at Brandhoek we marched past our Brigade Commander, Brig.-Gen. J. F. Riddell, and, sad to say, this was the last time we did so, as he fell in action two days later.

The horrors of war, from the point of view of the invaded civilian, were forcibly brought home to us, there being a constant stream of people—either all very old men, women or children (a notable absence of any men of military age)—bringing all their worldly possessions they were able to carry, either on their backs or piled up on handcarts, or in wagons if they were the fortunate possessors of a horse, or even a cow. This stream of traffic was only interrupted to make room for ambulances full of wounded or gassed troops—mostly Canadians—and from these men, when our column happened to halt

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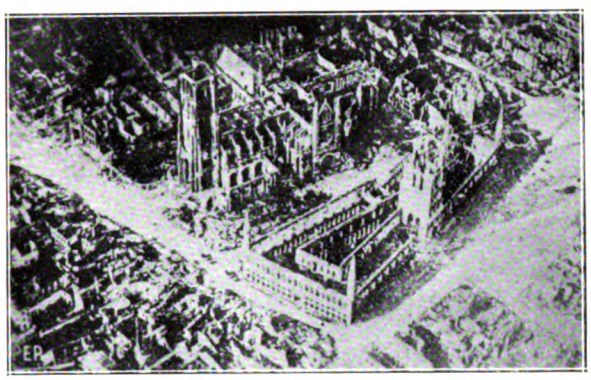
opposite one of these vehicles (which was frequently) we got our first news of the progress of the battle in front.

By now the Verey lights were going up, and we seemed to be almost surrounded by them—as, indeed, the Salient was very much a bottle-neck in those days.



AERIEL VIEW OF YPRES AS IT APPEARED DURING THE SECOND BATTLE.

We entered the town of Ypres at about 9 p.m., and in the station square suffered our first casualty. With a screech and a bang our first shell came in, and got a few men half way down our line. We proceeded into the Grande Place, and then a regular bombardment of the town commenced, and how we did not suffer serious loss is almost incomprehensible—particularly as we had a few minutes' halt almost in the centre of Ypres.

On we went and out through the Menin Gate. While passing through the streets we met with some gruesome sights. Women and children lying dead as they had been caught by the enemy gunfire leaving their doomed homes in search of safety elsewhere, dead horses everywhere; and here and there a broken limber. Just inside the Menin Gate there was part of an ammunition column laid out.

Forward to Potijze, where we took up Company's positions in open fields, and where our blankets, which we had been carrying since leaving England, at no small personal inconvenience, were dumped (incidentally never to be seen again, as the dump was blown up under our very noses a few minutes later) and where an extra bandolier was issued to each man.

The Brigadier summoned a conference here, and as a result of it we were told we were to "attack at dawn" in support of a Regular Brigade, with the village of Fortuin and the high ground on which it stands as our objective.

We moved forward again shortly, and were not at all sorry to leave our positions, as we had been shelled almost continuously all the time we spent in them.

Our next stop was on the road just short of Wieltje, and from here we got into our attack formation—two Companies in front and two to follow up—occupying the very field where now stands the 5th Division War Memorial.

A shock was soon in store, as presently the C.O. came round to say that for some reason the Regular Brigade had to go for another objective, and that we would therefore have to carry out the attack on Fortuin ourselves. At this time we had only about one map per Company—N.W. Europe, scale 1/250000; and now it was dark, raining, and otherwise perfectly miserable, and we had but a scanty knowledge as to the whereabouts of our other Battalions, and no knowledge whatever of the ground we were to fight over. But we were not exactly sorry when the time to start our first real attack came, as anything seemed better than inactivity and we had been shelled in our forming up positions more unmercifully than anything we had experienced up to now. And, strange it seemed to us, the only reply on our part was by a couple of field guns, which were very soon silenced—probably through lack of shells.

We pushed forward through Wieltje, and in the strengthening light, on our topping the rise, the Huns simply let us have it good and strong.

We advanced in artillery formation, and then deployed into lines well extended, and in this manner pushed on as far as we could. There was no "Front Line" at all, only a few—a very few—isolated groups of Canadians scattered about here and there. In a sort of depression some distance short of our objective, we were definitely held up, and owing to terrible losses we were ordered to hold on there. We saw hundreds of Germans digging in on the high ground about a mile to our front, and all the time we were raked continuously from every angle with the most damnable rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire.

Many deeds of heroism were performed, of which the following is an example:—Some men got about a hundred yards further forward than the bulk of the Battalion's line, and were ordered to withdraw. Sjt. Robson got badly wounded in the leg during this operation, and Pte. J. Yourston, of No. I. Company, carried him back to safety—for which he later received the D.C.M.

Later in the day we were ordered back, and night found us lying dog-tired sleeping in any sort of shell hole or burrow that could be found—in the vicinity of the hamlet of Frezenberg.

Next morning, Monday, 26th April, we moved to some old trenches not far from where our yesterday's attack had started from, and whilst here we were told of the German gas, and what "First Aid" steps could be taken to counter its effects. We were left in comparative peace until about 1.30 p.m., when orders were issued by the Brigadier to attack the village of St. Julien, lying some three miles slightly N.E. of where we were.

BRIG.-GEN. J. F. RIDDELL, D.S.O., AT THE SUPPLY DUMP IN ENGLAND.

We were on the move in a handful of minutes, and had scarcely started when Hell itself seemed to be let loose on us. Fire of every sort, intensely worse than anything met with yesterday, was directed upon our advancing lines, and great

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gaps were torn in our ranks; and to render the keeping of formation and direction particularly difficult we ran into some

OBLIQUE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF YPRES AS IT APPEARED AT END OF THE SECOND BATTLE.

of our own rear defensive wire, and it was in getting through this obstacle that we suffered our greatest losses. The information given us before we were launched was that the front line to our front had been absolutely wiped out, and we were to go forward to fill the gap. After advancing over a mile, however, we came upon a fire trench occupied by the 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. These we at first thought were the enemy about to surrender, as their arms waving in cheering us on were taken as signs of submission! The few of us that were left more or less intact by this time, including Col. Scott-Jackson, our Commanding Officer, were thankful to get into this trench to rest awhile and gather our senses preparatory to the next move.

General Riddell himself had personally given us our orders to attack, and he was ever to the front; and at the head of his Brigade, accompanied by his Staff, just a few minutes after we had started, he was shot through the head by a sniper's bullet and killed. Such a loss was staggering. He was, just a few short moments ago, so full of life and setting such a fine and gallant example to the Brigade he had built up and trained for active service, and which he had commanded for the past four years. Knowing the Brigadier as we did it is useless to say that he might have been induced to remain further back in a place of comparative safety—he was not made that way, and simply had to be amongst his troops right in the thick of the battle. But we cannot help thinking that had only he been spared, he would have gone very far, and would ere long have had a very much more important command than an Infantry Brigade. But what had to be had to be, and we know that General Riddell could not have wished for a more glorious death than to fall fighting, at the head of his beloved Northumberland Fusiliers Brigade, in an action that brought great honour to his Regiment.

For us to have attempted to advance further would have been hopeless, and before we had tried to push on (as try we certainly would), orders were received to hold fast where we were at all costs.

While we had been advancing the Huns were keeping all their fire ranged upon us, but no sooner had we made this trench than we heard the shells and machine gun bullets passing well over our heads. And the reason was not far to seek. Right away back to our starting point the field was littered with wounded, and now the stretcher bearers were up and doing their merciful work. The German gunners, seeing a more favourable target, were pouring high explosives amongst these gallant men. Our own M.O.—Major W. B. MacKay—was one of the bravest men imaginable that day, walking about utterly regardless of his own personal safety, and ministering as well as he could to as many wounded as possible—getting those able to help themselves or each other away with the utmost despatch, and making the worst cases as comfortable as could be.

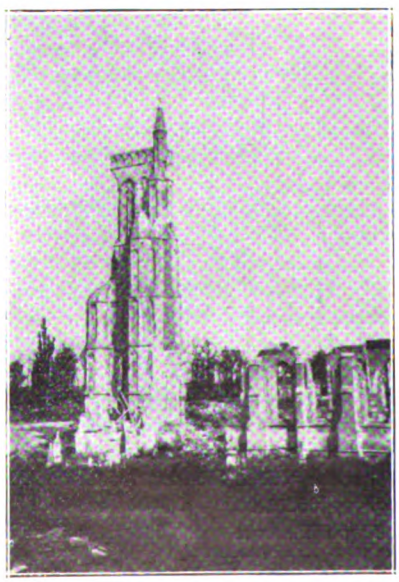
Later he was awarded the C.M.G. and promoted Lieut.-Col. We certainly thought he deserved the V.C.

Two men, Ptes. Barrill and Martin, had been detailed to bring a pack mule forward with spare ammunition. When their mule was knocked out they carried a box of S.A.A. by hand right up the firing line. For this brave deed they were each subsequently awarded the D.C.M.

Col. Scott-Jackson, the C.O., was also right in the forefront, and seemed to bear a charmed life. He appeared to be exactly at that part of the attack where his presence was of most value, and by personal example and utter fearlessness inspired everyone with confidence. Later in the war he was awarded the D.S.O. and Bar, and also made C.B.E.

Apart from merciless shelling for the rest of the day, and very accurate sniping, the remaining hours of daylight passed moderately quietly, and when darkness fell the war seemed to stop altogether. At night we withdrew once more to near our starting point, for to-day's battle, and next morning the Battalion could only muster about 260 all ranks. This exactly one week after setting sail from England—a full Battalion at war strength.

Two things, at least, had been achieved, however. The foundation of Battalion tradition had been laid—and the British line, tottering and almost broken, had been given a breathing space in which to consolidate and reform.



VLAMERTINGHE CHURCH.

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Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

April, 1930.

WE received telegrams on St. George's Day from the following :—1st Bn., 2nd Bn., Depôt, Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn., 4th Bn., 5th Bn., and 7th Bn. To all of these we tender our thanks.

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We beg to offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. K. Lawrence on his election to the rank of A.R.A. We do not suppose that the FIFTH have ever before been connected with an acadamician. Mr. Lawrence served with the Regiment in the 19th Bn. throughout the war, and many pages of the *St. George's Gazette* are illustrated by his drawings.

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Wm. Hall — Mrs. Arkwright

Letter to the Editor.

Depot, The Northumberland Fusiliers,
Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

St. George's Day, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The following extract from the *Diaries of Elizabeth, Duchess of Northumberland*, 1716-1776, recently published, will, I think, be of interest to readers, showing as it does what wonderful *esprit-de-corps* the Order of Merit fostered in the Regiment at that period :—

"14th January, 1760. (Extract of a letter from an Officer at Limerick.)

"A few days ago arrived here Earle Percy, son of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, whose noble and disinterested Behaviour whilst in this country will ever endear their memory to the Irish Nation. His Lordship came here to see the 5th Regiment, of which he was lately appointed Colonel, his polite and obliging behaviour to the Officers as well as Humanity to the private men, render him universally beloved and respected. We are three Regiments here in Garrison ; the Officers of which, as well as of a Man-of-War, stationed here, have been invited to dine with his Lordship on the Queen's approaching birthday. I believe it can be said of the Garrison here, what can be said of few Corps, that among the private men there are at least half of them who never were brought to a Court Martial or punish'd in seven years' service. In consequence of this, on Lord Townshend's landing, the Captains gave to each soldier a small brass medal, which they wear at the button-hole, as an honourable badge of distinction.

"Lord Percy, in order to encourage and promote so commendable a spirit, intends in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, to give to each man who has served with the same credit 14 years, a silver medal in exchange for his brass one. It is not to be express'd the good effect which this reward has upon the men ; the anxiety they show when competitors to be admitted is wonderful, and so careful are these medal men of keeping their little Corps unsullied, that the other day, on a man's being promised one, who had serv'd seven years without being punished, they found out somehow that he had been try'd by a Court Martial six years ago (which the Officers had forgot) tho' not punished.

"Upon which they came in a body to beg he might not be admitted, as they must look upon him as a stain to their order.

"Since the institution of these medals, it is incredibtable how few punishments we have had in the Regiment ; for above seven months past we have never had so much as one Court Martial. In short, the soldiers are so disgraced after a punishment by losing their right to become candidates for this little distinction that their comrades will not keep them company."

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. F. CHENEVIX-TRENCH (Major),
Commanding Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

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Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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Sheridan Scarified.

NO apology whatever is offered for the following mutilation of Sheridan's " St. Patrick's Day " (1775).

With certain substitutions, the rendering is absolutely faithful to the original, and whether it be apposite or no remains with the readers of *St. George's Gazette* to determine.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

ACT I.

Scene I.—Lieutenant T*rl*t*n's Lodgings.

Enter Sjt. Trounce, Cpl. Flint, and four soldiers.

First Soldier: I say you are wrong; we should all speak together, each for himself, and all at once, that we may be heard the better.

Sec. Sol.: Right, Jack, we'll argue in platoons.

Third Sol.: Aye, aye, let him have our grievances in a volley, and if we be to have a spokesman, there's the Corporal is the Lieutenant's countryman, and knows his humour.

First Sol.: Let me alone for that. I served three years, all but a bit, under his honour, in the 101st, and I never will see a sweeter-tempered gentleman, nor one more free with his purse. I put a great rose in his hat this morning, and I'll be bound for him he'll wear it, was it as big as Hyde Park.

Fourth Sol.: I say again you talk like children, like militia striplings; there's a discipline, look'ee, in all things, whereof the Serjeant must be our guide. He's a gentleman of words; he understands your foreign lingo, your figures, and such-like auxiliaries in scoring. Confess, now, for a reckoning, whether in chalk or in writing, be'nt he your only man?

First Sol.: Why, the Serjeant is a scholar, to be sure, and has the gift of reading.

Trounce: Good soldiers, and fellow gentlemen, if you make me your spokesman, you will show the more judgment; and let me alone for the argument. I'll be as loud as a drum, and point blank from the purpose.

All: Agreed, agreed!

Flint: Oh! faith, here comes the Lieutenant. . . . Now, Serjeant. . . .

Trounce: So, then, to order. Put on your gloomiest looks; every man grumble to himself a little, and some of you hum the " Rogues' March."

Enter Lieutenant T*rl*t*n.

T.: Well, lads, what is it you have to complain of?

Soldiers: Ahem . . . 'hem . . .

Trounce: So please your honour, the very grievance of the matter is this:—Ever since your honour differed with Justice Ali Ram, our innkeepers use us most scurvily. By my halbert, their treatment is such, that if your spirit were willing to put up with it, flesh and blood could by no means agree. So we humbly petition that your honour would make an end of the matter at once by running away with the Justice's daughter, or else getting us fresh quarters.

T.: Oh, oh! Pray which of the houses use you ill?

First Sol.: There's the Merry Ho!—aint half the civility of the Royal Exchange.

Sec. Sol.: There's the Excelsior, which should be ashamed to descend lower.

T.: Very well, the Merry-Ho! and the Excelsior shall answer for it at the Quarter Sessions.

Trounce: Spencers' is civil enough, but the Maude uses us like devils, and Clifton's refuses us light to go to bed by.

T.: Then, upon my word, I'll have the Clifton put down, and the Maude shall give security for good behaviour: but are you sure you do nothing to quit scores with them?

First Sol.: Nothing at all, your honour, unless now and then we happen to fling a cartridge into the kitchen fire, or put a spatterdash or so into the soup. And sometimes Ned drums up and down stairs a little of a night.

T.: Oh! all that's fair. But hark'ee, lads, I must have no grumbling on St. George's Day, so here, take this and divide it amongst you. But observe me now . . . show yourselves men of spirit, and don't spend a rupee of it in drink.

Trounce: Nay, hang it, your honour! soldiers should never bear malice. We must drink St. George's and your honour's health.

Flint: Come away, then, lads, and first of all we'll parade round Charing Cross, for the honour of St. George.

First Sol.: Thank your honour. Come along; St. George, his honour, and strong beer for ever!

T.: Get along, you thoughtless vagabonds. Yet, upon my conscience, 'tis very hard these poor fellows should scarcely have beer from the soil they are bound to defend.

(*To be continued.*) (*No!* ED.)

The Army and Scientific Study.

The War Office,
London, S.W. 1,
24th February, 1930.

THE Army Council has requested General Officers Commanding, at home and abroad, to call the attention of all Officers in their Commands to the facilities for scientific study which are offered by the Royal United Service Institution. The Institution possesses one of the finest professional libraries in the Kingdom, and otherwise provides exceptional advantages for the pursuit of an Army career All Officers can join without ballot on intimating their wish to do so, and forwarding the entrance fee of two guineas and an annual subscription of £1 5s., to the Secretary of the Institution, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1. Junior Officers with three years' or less commissioned service, and Gentlemen Cadets, are admitted to membership without the entrance fee, on payment of the first annual subscription.

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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made:—Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., from half pay, to be G.S.O., 1st Grade, 1st Division (dated 9th May, 1930).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. T. E. Bland is restored to the establishment (dated 17th April, 1930).

Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., is seconded for service as an Adjutant, T.A. (dated 24th April, 1930).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. D. S. Jackson to have seniority (dated 4th March, 1930).

5th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. J. C. Stephenson to be Lieutenant (dated 1st April, 1930); 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Ridley resigns his commission (dated 20th March, 1930).

5th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. C. R. I. Besley to be Lieutenant (dated 25th March, 1930); 2nd-Lieut. T. N. Douthwaite to be Lieutenant (dated 1st April, 1930).

5th Bn.—Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Adjutant (dated 24th April, 1930).

5th Bn.—Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers, vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 7th April, 1930).

6th Bn.—Lieut. G. L. A. France to be Captain (dated 23rd April, 1930).

6th Bn.—H. P. Bell (late Cadet Cpl., Uppingham School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 7th May, 1930).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

7th Bn.—Lieut. E. C. Grey, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 17th May, 1930).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

May, 1930.

THE first event of importance this month was the observance of Military Sunday at York Minster. Huge crowds assembled, the playing of massed bands in the Minster was impressive, the singing of an augumented Choir very beautiful, but the most impressive item in an impressive day was the sermon by the Bishop of Durham. It is reproduced in these notes.

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To-day there is no lack of individuals ready to deny the "scandal" of our "huge" armaments. The same individuals are apt to picture the Services as a series of pestiferous parasite battening on the economic body of the State. In many other ill-informed quarters, old-fashioned ideas still prevail, that the Army is a giddy, empty-headed profession, governed by a lot of sabre-rolling old mandarins with a proclivity for squandermania.

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The Bishop of Durham, in his sermon, adminsters a sound corrective to such ideas, viewing the defensive forces of the Empire in their true perspective, and recognising them as still being a necessary and healthy part of the equipment of our modern civilization, instead of, as is sometimes imagined, an unnecessary and obnoxious appendage.

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The following account of Military Sunday is taken from the *Yorkshire Herald*:—

"Military Sunday was observed yesterday at York. It has lost none of its fascinating appeal since its inauguration many years ago by the late Dean Purey-Cust. Although the weather was dull and uniniting large crowds of citizens and visitors from the country districts thronged the city streets to watch the proceedings. The troops present from the York and Strensall garrisons numbered nearly 1,500, and the service, which was held in the Nave of the Minster, was attended in state by civic representatives and a party of Legion of Frontiersmen and St. Peter's School Cadets.

"There is no more appropriate atmosphere for a military service than the Nave of the Minster, for the old tattered colours, reminders of many a famous battle, and the Regimental chapels, serve to re-awaken the fine traditions of the old garrison city.

"Special music, in which massed bands took part, was played in the Minster, and in an impressive sermon the Bishop of Durham emphasized the State's vital need of the soldier as a protector of present-day civilisation.

"The streets in the vicinity of the Cathedral were thronged at an early hour, and dense crowds of people, may of whom had travelled considerable distances, lined Petergate and Duncombe Place. A crowd of nearly 10,000 waited for over an hour outside the Minster to see the troops enter, and the crowd had swelled to double that number when the various Units left. At a specially-erected dais in Duncombe Place, Lt.-Gen. Sir Cameron Shute, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, took the salute as the columns marched past.

Large Crowds.

"The strong appeal of Military Sunday, not only to the York public, but to people from a wide area around, was shown by the tremendous gatherings along the routes to the Minster and at vantage points within the precincts of the Cathedral. Although the weather was dull and gloomy it had little effect on the dimensions of the crowd, which began to assemble from nine o'clock, and within half an hour, when the troops began to enter the Minster, the concourse assumed huge proportions. Impressed with the dignity and spectacular aspect of the occasion, the crowd was most orderly. The crowd was particularly dense in Duncombe Place, the end of Petergate, Blake Street, and St. Helen's Square.

Arrival of Troops.

"At about 9 o'clock military music denoted that the troops were on their way to the service. The first to enter the Minster were the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The next were the 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, followed by the Depôt West Yorks, each headed by their own Band. Also comprising the first column of troops was the Yorkshire Hussars (Yeomanry Cavalry) and the 5th West Yorkshire Regiment, who joined the Regular troops at the end of Parliament Street. The third column, which brought up the rear, marched from Lumley Barracks and were the 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment, who succeeded the Green Howards at Strensall, the 54th Medium Brigade Artillery, and a contingent of Cadets from St. Peter's School.

"Last, but not least, were the representatives of the York Branch of the British Legion, including many of the "Old Contemptibles," wearing brilliant and imposing decorations, won not only in the late war, but in the South African War and previous campaigns.

"By 9.40 the whole of the troops were seated in the Nave. Notable visitors then began to arrive, including Lord Deramore, who wore his uniform as Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding; Sir Hugh Bell, Bt., in his uniform as Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding, accompanied by Lady Bell. Five minutes afterwards Major Clive Behrens, the new High Sheriff of Yorkshire, and the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens joined the company, and almost at the same time Lt.-Gen. Sir Cameron Shute, G.-O.-C. Northern Command, who was accompanied by Lady Shute, alighted from their motor car at the West front of the Minster. Staff Officers gathered within the enclosure at the West end of the Minster promptly stood to attention and saluted their chief.

"Previous to entering the Minster, Major Clive Behrens, Lord Deramore, Sir Hugh Bell, General Sir Cameron Shute, with Major-General St. G. Kirke, Commanding the 5th Division, Catterick, chatted together. Other Staff Officers gathered outside included Major-General N. J. G. Cameron, Commanding the 49th West Riding Area; Brig. W. P. H. Hill, Major N. Underhill, of the 49th Division; Major C. C. Brownlow, and Capt. G. Gough.

The Civic Procession.

None of the Socialist Members were in the civic procession. The Chief Constable, Mr. H. H. Herman, headed the civic party. The Lord Mayor (Alderman C. W. Shipley) walked with the Sheriff (Councillor G. W. Halliday), and other present were Alderman Vernon Wragge, Rhodes Brown, Sir William Forster Todd, W. H. Birch, J. B. Inglis, Oscar Rowntree, William Wright, and A. R. Fox; and Councillors Miss Argles, E. J. L.

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Rymer, B. Dodsworth, H. E. Raine, A. G. Watson, C. T. Hutchinson, R. Rowland, Frank Terry, F. J. Woolgrove, N. B. Rowley, H. R. Morrell, R. J. Pulleyn, C. Cross, W. Temple, the Under Sheriff (Mr. H. E. Harrowell), the Town Clerk (Mr. P. J. Spalding), the City Auditor (Mr. C. Thompson), the City Librarian (Mr. A. Finney), and the City Electrical Engineer (Mr. E. J. Nichol).

The Minster Service.

"The service in the Minster followed largely upon the lines observed in recent years, and it was broadcast to all stations in this country. The clergy present, in addition to the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford) and the Bishop of Durham (Dr. Hensley Henson), were the Rev. Chancellor Austen, the Rev. H. T. S. Gedge (Sub-Chanter), the Rev. H. Spence (Chamberlain), the Rev. M. P. McCready (Assistant Chaplain-General to the Forces, Northern Command), the Rev. L. E. Vann (Strensall), and the Rev. F. Yates (York Garrison).

"The massed bands of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, the 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, and the 2nd Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment, previous to the service played excerpts from the works of Mendelssohn, Rawlinson and Wagner.

"The service reached that high plane of spiritual significance which belongs to all observances at the Minster, and the singing of the augmented choir, under Dr. E. C. Bairstow, the Minster organist, left a deep impression on the congregation.

"The prayers were intoned by the Rev. H. Spence, and Psalm xlvi. was chanted. The lesson from St. Mark xii. 28–31 was read by the Rev. M. P. McCready. The choir sang Stanford's Jubilate in C, and an anthem from Handel's 'Israel in Egypt,' and the subsequent prayers were read by the Chamberlain. Five thousand voices joined in the singing of the hymn 'O God our help,' and the sermon was prefaced by the Bidding Prayer and followed by the hymn 'Onward, Christian soldiers.' The Dean gave the Blessing from the Nave Altar, and the National Anthem was fervently sung, preceded by Dr. Naylor's Fanfare Prelude by trumpeters and drummers. After the service the three massed bands played the carillon from Bizet's 'L'Arlesienne.'

Sermon by the Bishop of Durham.

"The Bishop of Durham, preaching from the words, 'A devout soldier' (Acts x. 7), said soldiers had a place of their own in the New Testament. It had often been noticed that there was a suggestive agreement between the religion of Christ and the distinctive habit and mental attitude of the soldier. Military terms had been readily included in Christian usage. It was enough to mention the famous word 'Sacrament,' which was the Roman soldier's oath, and passed into the language of the Church as the term for those Divinely-appointed institutions—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord—in which the Christian's service as Christ's soldier and servant was affirmed and maintained. In the Gospel they found that the Lord Jesus came into contact with soldiers who recognised His unique character and believed in His character. He seemed to them like a Commanding Officer whose orders could not be challenged, but must be promptly obeyed.

"St. Paul was evidently much drawn to soldiers; he was a man who had moved about the Roman Empire and seen with his own eyes the work which the Army was doing. He saw that the army stood between society and the outbreak of lawless elements; that without its steadying presence civilisation could not proceed; that it was the protection against barbarism without, and anarchy within, the Empire; that it upheld a standard of discipline before society and offered a model of self-surrender in service which was morally invigorating. He learned to understand and admire the soldier's character and point of view. His famous description of the Christian as a soldier armed with the whole armour of God—breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet and sword—was plainly suggested by the Roman soldier in whose company he was living. He thought of the Christian life as a 'good fight' against every kind of evil. 'Crusades' seemed the obvious form of Christian duty when the hosts of Mahomet were threatening to overwhelm Christendom, and when in the Renaissance an uprush of Paganism seemed to stifle Christianity, it was natural that the Jesuits should organise themselves on the military principles of iron discipline and unlimited obedience to their 'General.'

Much In Common.

"'In our times,' said the Bishop, 'we have witnessed in the Salvation Army and the Church Army impressive illustrations of the same tendency. Christianity and soldierhood have evidently much in common and run easily into a harmony of thought and habit. The Roman Army in antiquity was in some important respects very like the British Army at the present time. It also was a relatively small, highly-trained, professional force, recruited by voluntary enlistment for a term of years. It also prided itself on its discipline and on the glorious record of its achievements. And it also had to fulfil two functions, the one occasional and the other permanent, to defend the Empire against attack from foreign enemies, and to preserve order within the Empire itself. Both these functions had a universal reference.'

"'The ancient Roman Empire and the modern British Empire had been often compared, for both were remarkably unlike the other empires which have existed on the earth. They included a greater variety of races and types of society, civilised and barbarian, and they were both associated with a higher civilisation. It was not mere power, but power inspired by moral purpose and morally conditioned, that the Imperial government expressed. The majestic conception of a reign of law, replacing the eccentric dominance of despotism, fanaticism, and anarchy, established itself in the policy of Rome, as it has certainly established itself in the policy of Britain. This ideal of Empire as securing righteous order among the citizens was always being endangered by the attacks of the relatively uncivilised people who lived outside the frontiers. It was always threatened by the outbreak of fanaticism, racial or religious, within the Empire.'

"'As it was in the case of the Roman Empire, so it is in the case of the British. Against both perils the principal rampart of civilised society was, and is, the Army. In this vitally important function, of course, we do not forget that the British Navy is inseparably associated with the British Army. But to-day it is with the Army that we are immediately concerned. Within the last few weeks much public attention had been directed to the great Roman wall which runs from Wallsend to Carlisle. It was erected as a barricade against the incursions of the Picts and Scots. Similarly in North-Western India there is a carefully armed military frontier designed to protect the country against invasion from the semi-civilised people beyond. The Army of Rome was then the unsleeping warden of civilisation within the island, as the Army of Britain is to-day the unsleeping warder of civilisation within India. When the wall was abandoned by the Legions, the raiders from the North could waste and destroy at will. If the frontiers of India were left unguarded, who doubts that the raiders from the North would sweep over the country?'

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"'Foreign foes are, perhaps, the least formidable menace to European society to-day. Far more menacing are the disruptive forces which it generates within itself. Religious fanaticism, racial hatred, economic rivalry, social discontent—all these are present in our modern civilisation, as they were present in the civilisation of ancient Rome. From time to time they break out in explosions which can only be held in check by the strong hand of the Army. It follows that the soldier belongs to the same hierarchy of public service as the policeman, the magistrate, the judge, the teacher, and the clergyman. He, too, as they in their several stations, represents the righteous order which is the essential condition of all genuine civilisation. Justice cannot dispense with coercion, nor can mercy suffer violence to go unpunished.'

"'It is, indeed, unhappily true that all these servants of righteous order have too often misconceived their function and misused their authority. There have been ambitious and licentious soldiers, corrupt magistrates, unjust judges, false teachers, self-exalted clergymen. Militarism is but the soldier's form of that disease of professionalism which besets all human activities. In the Church we call it sacerdotalism. The soldier is no exception to the general rule. There is only one remedy against this disease, and that is to recover the true ideal which it caricatures and perverts, and thus to drive out what is false by what is true.'

A War-Weary World.

"'We are living in a war-weary world,' said the Bishop. 'We may dare to hope that civilised mankind has not wholly missed the lesson of its woeful experiences. War between civilised peoples is known to be a disaster, is seen to be a scandal, is acknowledged to be a folly. We may, I think we ought, eagerly to support and help forward everything that makes for peace and goodwill on earth, but we may not reasonably think that the soldier's work of guarding order will cease to be requisite and salutary. The League of Nations, which was itself the result of the Great War, and perhaps its best result, will only then become adequate to its sublime task when it can add to its decisions the final sanction of armed force. Peace between nations, as certainly as peace between individuals, cannot be based solely on persuasion and good counsel. So long as men are what history has ever shown them to be—bigoted, selfish, envious, greedy and reckless—so long will the world need policemen and soldiers as well as magistrates, judges and clergymen. All of these will be superfluous when, and only when, the declaration, so boldly inscribed above the High Altar of Westminster Abbey, shall have become a statement of fact: "The kingdoms of the world have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." That blessed time is yet far distant, and we must play our part in the world as it is. The urgent question for us is whether we are playing that part worthily.'

What the Army Represents.

"'You are British soldiers, than which I know no description more honourable or precious. As British soldiers you are placed conspicuously in the nation as the representatives of discipline and self-surrender in service. Nobly have British soldiers carried themselves on the stricken field and in the dull misery of the trenches. Much, very much, turns on their behaviour in normal times of peace. Your personal conduct matters much to England, for the Army, thanks to the short service system of its recruitment, is a great school of citizenship. When your time with the Colours is ended, and you go back to the normal life of society, you can, if you will, bring into it just the element which most evidently it needs, for lack of which its unity and even its permanence are now quite plainly imperilled. Yes, what England wants before all things to-day is just what the British Army represents and illustrates—prompt self-submission to rightful authority, and willing self-surrender in public service. These are the glory of soldierhood as well spiritual as secular, for truly they are the marks of Jesus on the Soldiers of the Cross.'

The March Past.

"After the service, and while the troops were forming up in the Dean's Park, the Bishop of Durham and the Dean of York, who were preceded by a verger and were followed by Lieut.-General Sir Cameron Shute, the High Sheriff of Yorkshire, Lord Deramore, Sir Hugh Bell, Bt., and Major-General Kirke, walked to the specially erected saluting base in Duncombe Place, where Sir Cameron Shute took the salute as the troops marched past.

"There were also present, Lady Shute, Lady Bell, the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens, Mrs. Hensley Henson, Major-General N. J. G. Cameron, Brigadier W. P. Hill, and other Staff Officers.

"The crowd watching the departure of the troops was much larger than earlier in the morning. The troops marched from the Minster in the same order in which they went to the service. The Band of the 5th West Yorkshire Regiment played for the Units which had no band, and rejoined the column when their own Battalion left Dean's Park.

"The 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment, the Artillery, and St. Peter's Cadets broke off at Museum Street corner and went by way of St. Leonard's and Bootham to St. Peter's School and Lumley Barracks. The remainder passed along Blake Street and Coney Street, where again hundreds of people congregated. The British Legion left the procession at Ousegate corner, and the Yorkshire Hussars at Tower Street, and others went on to Fulford Barracks.

"Under the direction of Chief Inspector Williams, the police arrangements were very effective in controlling the crowd and traffic. Mounted policemen were assisted by mounted soldiers from the Remounts."

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Two days after Military Sunday the Battalion marched to Strensall Camp to fire the Annual Musketry Course. There is therefore little else to record, as the Musketry month, though important, is comparatively uneventful. The weather conditions have for the most part been unfavourable. There has hardly been a day when shooting conditions could be described as ideal. On most days there has been a wind sufficiently troublesome to necessitate considering "Aiming off." On several mornings it has been necessary to remove a thin layer of ice from water in the ablution buckets. It is still early prophecy, but there appear to be hopes that with the exception of one or two hardy annuals, we may be comparatively free from 3rd class shots.

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The Inter-Company Sports, of which a separate account is given elsewhere, were held at rather short notice. This was inevitable, as it is extremely difficult to arrange everything far ahead with any degree of certainty. Under the circumstances many of the performances were very good, and the fitness of most of the competitors was remarkable.

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The Paget Horse Competition was played off in the evenings, and produced some Company football of a high standard. In

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closely contested games Headquarter Wing and " Y " Company, having eliminated the remainder, met in the final, Headquarter Wing eventually winning a rousing match.

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Boxing for the Hart Cups also took place at Strensall. Again there is a separate account, but mention must here be made of the plucky show put up by " X " Company's last draft. They were almost all pitted against the best boxers in the Battalion, and were all defeated. All lost courageously, and they may rejoice in the fact that, though defeated, everyone of them gave a most sportsmanlike display.

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Whilst on the subject of boxing, it may not be amiss here to say that an excellent opportunity exists for any munificent reader of these columns to add a considerable fillip to boxing. We have no recognised annual novices' competition. It would be an excellent thing for boxing if a novices' competition were held on the same lines, and with the same prestige behind it, as the competition for the Hart Cups. The necessary outlay for provision of Cups is estimated at about £200 ! Such a competition would obviate the present necessity of putting novices up straight away against the best boxers in the Battalion, in the only individual competition we have, with a view to discovering their form, and would give the would-be aspirant honours something more to hope for than praise, however well merited, for having died gloriously.

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Before leaving the subject of sports, we must express our gratitude to our old friends, the West Yorkshire Regiment, for the way in which they have helped us. Nothing has been too much trouble for them, and they have gone out of their way to fix us up with football grounds, ground for the sports, and their gymnasium for boxing.

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We were very glad to see Mr. Fawcus, who came and stayed a week with us to study problems of Regimental Transport.

Athletics.

The 1930 Athletic Season began in bitterly cold weather, on the 22nd May, with the Inter-Company Sports. These were held this year on the cricket ground of the West Yorkshire Regiment, and owing to the delay in the football programme, Companies had to select their teams almost untried.

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Several " discoveries " were made, and we wish our team the best of luck this season in their attempt to retain their unbeaten record in Command Championships.

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The Inter-Company results are appended :—

400 *Yards Relay.* 1, " X " Company ; 2, " W " Coy. ; 3, " Y " Coy. ; 4, " Z " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing. Winning team :—Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, 2nd-Lieut. Bryant, Fus. Gatenby, Cpl. Scanlan.

A very close race between the first three teams, " X " Coy. winning by 1 yard with " Y " Coy. 1 yard further away.

880 *Yards Relay.* 1, " X " Coy. ; 2, " W " Coy. ; 3, " Y " Coy. ; 4, H.Q. Wing ; 5, " Z " Coy. Winning team :—Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey, Fus. Gatenby, Cpl. Scanlan, 2nd-Lieut. Bryant.

Cpl. Bell gave " W " Coy. a useful start, but Fus. Gatenby soon put " X " Coy. in the lead. Cpl. Scanlan sent Mr. Bryant away with a 10 yards lead, which Cpl. Shields reduced to 3 yards, the remaining Companies being well behind.

One Mile Relay. 1, " X " Coy. ; 2, H.Q. Wing ; 3, " Y " Coy. ; 4, " Z " Coy. ; 5, " W " Coy. Winning team :—Fus. Clarkson, Lce.-Cpl. Elliott, Fus. Harnett, 2nd-Lieut. Threlfall.

" X " Company's cross-country runners were rather slow for this race, and H.Q. Wing's first three men established a good lead. Fus. Walsh, however, could not hold Mr. Threlfall, who ran into the lead 100 yards from the finish, to give " X " Coy. another win.

Two Miles Relay. 1, " X " Coy. ; 2, " Y " Coy. ; 3, " Z " Coy. ; 4, " W " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing. Winning team :—Fus. Clarkson, Lce.-Cpl. Elliott, Fus. Harnett, 2nd-Lieut. Threlfall.

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ran very well and gave " Y " Coy. a lead of 15 yards at the first change over. This was neutralised by Lce.-Cpl. Elliott, and Fus. Harnett sent Mr. Threlfall off with sufficient lead to enable him to have an easy race.

One Mile Team. 1, " W " Coy. ; 2, " Y " Coy. ; 3, " Z " Coy. ; 4, " X " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing.

Three Miles Team. 1, " W " Coy. ; 2, " Z " and " Y " Coy. (tie) ; 4, " X " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing. Winning teams :—Cpl. Bellwood, Lce.-Cpl. Johnson, Fus. Massey, Fus. Wood.

" W " Coy. had very little difficulty in winning these two races. Cpl. Bellwood was first home in each event, and in the 3 Miles " W " Coy. had the first three.

High Jump. 1, " X " Coy. ; 2, " Y " Coy. ; 3, " W " Coy. ; 4, H.Q. Wing ; 5, " Z " Coy.

Best Jumps.—2nd-Lieut. Bryant (" X " Coy.), 5 ft. 3 in. (did not go any further).
C.S.M. Purcell (" Y " Coy.), 5 ft. 2 in.
2nd-Lieut. Threlfall (" X " Coy.), 5 ft. 1 in.

Long Jump. 1, " Y " Coy. ; 2, " X " Coy. ; 3, " W " Coy. ; 4, " Z " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing.

Best Jumps.—2nd-Lieut. Bryant (" X " Coy.), 19 ft. 10 in.
Cpl. Stobart (" Y " Coy.), 19 ft. 9½ in.
Sjt. Pyle (" Y " Coy.), 18 ft. 11 in.

Shot. 1, " W " Coy. ; 2, " Z " Coy. ; 3, " X " Coy. ; 4, " Y " Coy. ; 5, H.Q. Wing.

Old Soldiers' Race.

This was run on handicap according to Service. Lieut.-Col. Garnier and Lce.-Cpl. Knapp led the field to within five yards of the tape. Here Major Sutherland came on with a fine burst to dead heat with Lieut.-Col. Garnier ; Lce.-Cpl. Knapp finishing third a yard behind.

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The Band Race was won by Bdsmn. Frost, and the Boys' Race ended in a dead heat between Boy Kelly and Boy Caburn.

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" X " Company are to be congratulated on their success after last year's bad luck.

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The final results were :—

1.	"X" Company	28	points
2.	"W" Company	22	,,
3.	"Y" Company	19½	,,
4.	"Z" Company	10½	,,
5.	H.Q. Wing	4	,,

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Mrs. Booth very kindly presented the Sports Shield and the Hockey, Rugger and Football Cups and Medals at the conclusion of the afternoon.

Sergeants' Mess.

Since our last notes "The Boys of the Chelsea School" have left us, and reports have reached us that they arrived safely back at their headquarters.

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They are certainly chips of the old blocks.

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Long may they be spared, and, we trust, have many more re-unions.

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Our billiard team played the Holgate Club, and were severely trounced.

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To save the feelings of the Mess representatives we refrain from chronicling the actual scores.

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It is understood that they enjoyed themselves.

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We are at present under canvas, or, as the pitman would say, staying in "Clouty Hooses."

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The Warrant Officers of Companies are just bearing up under the strain of Group "A" Firer's "Q" Instructors and other groups common to Weapon Training, to say nothing about alternative programmes.

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On the 9th May the members and friends assembled in the Mess prior to losing themselves in the terpischorean whirl in the O.T.C. Hut.

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While so assembled a presentation of a clock (suitably engraved) and a case of cutlery, was made to the latest member to join the ranks of the Benedicts, viz., Sjt. "Pony" Moore.

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The presentation was made by the R.S.M., and Sjt. Moore suitably responded to the toast.

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The Company then adjourned to the O.T.C. Hut as the guests of the members of the Serjeants' Mess, 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., who have the doubtful pleasure of being stationed here.

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A very enjoyable evening was spent and our thanks are accorded to our hosts.

The ancient game of "Phat" has been revived and it is surprising how adept some of the youngsters are getting at the game.

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Two of the older W.O.'s have had to retire from the game, practically in disgrace.

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It is understood that they are likely to be reinstated chiefly on account of their ability as advisers on how to draw the required fat.

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One C.Q.M.S. was amazingly successful with scoring, until it was discovered that the clutching hand had been at work

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From then his play deteriorated.

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It is suggested that honesty is the best policy, and also more sporty.

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In view of the fact that the Battalion is soon due for a tour of duty abroad, the services of one of our members has been obtained to give a series of lectures on the subject of Foreign Countries.

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For hours he can be heard speaking about Shanghai, the Hoogly River, Wei Hai Wei, and other places of future interest.

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The younger members have pockets bulging with "Points to Note" on various places, climates, etc.

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He has not as far as can be ascertained given any advice on how a puggaree should be put on a helmet.

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He must not forget to tell us how many folds of red there should be.

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This is most important, so perhaps at Ripon he may include this subject in his syllabus.

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One hesitates to enquire what has become of his medals.

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This may be the subject of a White Paper later.

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Since witnessing the bouts for the Hart Boxing Cups several of our members, chiefly the older ones, have been seen doing skipping, shadow boxing, ball punching, etc.

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Does this suggest that they are all contemplating to "come back," or is it intended as an aid to reaching Wathgill *via* Ripon.

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Judging by the patter of tongues (not feet) the former is feared, so youngsters remember forewarned is forearmed, or should be.

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Some of the said patter merchants will want four arms if they are to come back, and possibly four legs to get to Wathgill,

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There is great consternation and alarm in the camp owing to the rumour that the C.Q.M.S.'s are to be de-mechanised.

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A fresh batch of ponies of the shank breed has been received. They have not yet been allotted.

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On the 21st May, the competition for the "Whitaker Cup," open to members of the Serjeants' Mess, took place.

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Thirty members turned out to do battle for the trophy and some good shooting was witnessed.

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At the last distance an unknown quantity in Sjt. Collier, led with a score of 68, but failing to maintain his standard he could only manage to tie for third place with two others.

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It was very gratifying to notice that the young bloods are at least beginning to realise that the old 'uns cannot keep on showing the way, and that they evidently intend to do their utmost to maintain the prestige of the Mess.

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May they be successful in their efforts.

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Who was the youngster who very early on in the competition made it look like a Lancer parade?

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Was this due to his preference for "Colours" or to mistaken identity of the object?

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Whatever the reason, no excuse can be accepted for last year's winner "putting one over" on the next target.

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Possibly the fact that charity begins at home was lost sight of in this case.

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Why did "Blob" when "shooting off" change his sights?

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Was the cause "Wind" or "Drift"?

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Who was the competitor who had a "little twitch" just as the trigger was pressed on one occasion?

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When "Pep" is wanted why try and make a bullet travel an extra 100 yards under a lower trajectory?

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This is hardly expected from the reputed "best thing" of the day, and rather suggests that the culprit has not the match temperament, or cannot concentrate.

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Our sympathy is extended to "Blob," who was runner-up last year and this.

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Next year—perhaps?

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Congratulations to "Baron de Brawn" on his success.

The full scores are as follows:—

"Whitaker Cup," 1930.

Rank and Name.	5 rounds 200 yards Application	5 rounds 300 yards Snap-shooting	15 rounds 300 yards Rapid	5 rounds 500 yards Application	Total.
Sjt. Harris ..	18	6	38	16	78*
Sjt. Hackett ..	19	6	39	14	78*
C.Q.M.S. Irwin ..	18	3	41	15	77
Sjt. Huggan ..	15	9	35	18	77
Sjt. Collier ..	17	9	42	9	77
Sjt. Smart ..	17	9	36	12	74
Sjt. Bellamy ..	18	6	36	14	74
Sjt. Ross ..	18	9	28	19	74
Sjt. Naylor ..	15	6	39	13	73
C.S.M. Purcell ..	18	9	30	15	72
Sjt. Cogan ..	17	0	36	18	71
Sjt. Hobbs ..	19	9	33	10	71
Sjt. Obey ..	13	12	34	11	70
C.S.M. Clarke ..	18	6	33	13	70
Sjt. Matthewson	18	3	37	11	69
Sjt. Bell	14	3	39	12	68
Sjt. Babington ..	18	6	32	11	67
C.Q.M.S. West ..	18	6	25	16	65
Sjt. Mears ..	20	0	25	17	62
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	16	6	25	14	61
Sjt. Fotherby ..	8	6	38	5	57
Sjt. Dixon ..	14	3	28	12	57
Sjt. Hick ..	11	3	28	12	54
Sjt. Hutchinson ..	15	0	22	16	53
Sjt. Peppiatt ..	18	0	27	7	52
C.S.M. Scott ..	16	6	13	16	51
C.S.M. Carlin ..	12	3	24	12	51
Sjt. Pyle ..	11	6	29	0	46
Sjt. Clare ..	11	3	21	6	41
R.Q.M.S. Capstaff	†—	0	27	10	57

† Did not complete competition owing to late arrival from Headquarters, York.

* In "Shoot Off" Sjt. Harris scored two bulls against Sjt. Hackett one bull, 1 outer.

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On the 23rd May an invitation was received and accepted to send a team of five to compete as a Unit team against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., in the Rifle Meeting of the former Unit.

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A team of Serjeants represented the Battalion, and was successful. Result:—

1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers ..	279 points
5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.. ..	270 ,,
2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. ..	230 ,,

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Individual scores:—

Rank and Name	15 rounds 300 yards Rapid	7 rounds 600 yards Application	Total
Sjt. Harris	45	23	68
Colour-Sjt. Irwin	44	20	64
Sjt. Hackett	41	16	57
Sjt. Hobbs	27	22	49
Sjt. Peppiatt	22	19	41
			279

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In the 15 rounds Rapid bulls-eyes counted four, making the highest possible score 60.

Corporals' Club.

May, 1930.

We are now enjoying life at Strensall firing our Annual Musketry Course.

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Anxious faces are to be observed daily on the ranges.

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The weather has not favoured us, wind being very much in evidence.

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It is not certain whether the said wind was due to atmospherical conditions, or to the extreme nervousness on the firer's part.

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However, by the time these notes appear in print, a desperate war will be in progress on the outskirts of Ripon. Tactics and Fire Orders will replace the present Musketry routine.

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Quite a number of our members have decided to become motor cyclists, and can be seen parading at the cookhouse, where a free supper is supplied.

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Extravagance is no longer observed in our Club.

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Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Cpl. Watson on obtaining a "Q.I." at Hythe.

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Cpl. Parker and Lce.-Cpl. Metherill, who have each only one subject to obtain for the Army Special Certificate, are also heartily congratulated on the results of the last examination.

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We must not forget "Mick," who will no doubt prefer uniform to civvies, since becoming Battalion Shot.

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Mr. Merriman has signified his willingness to keep "Mick's" civvies nicely pressed and in good order for the period our member holds this coveted decoration.

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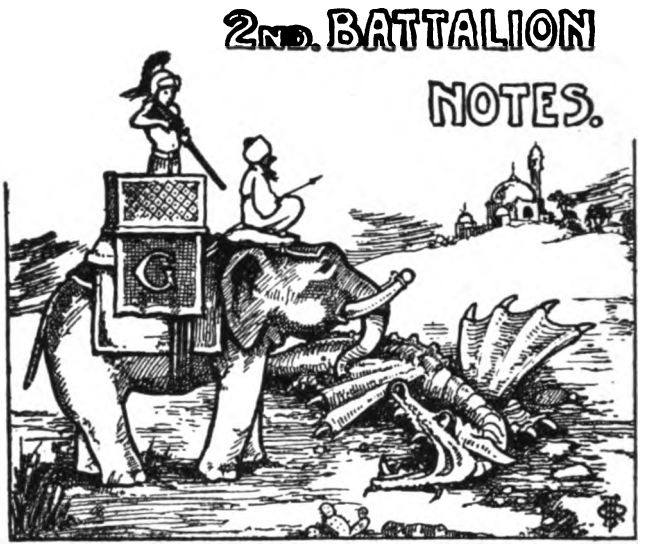
We are now busily investigating the circumstances of how a love letter came to be written on a Woodbine packet to a girl in blue. We have ascertained that it came to be written to a Lce.-Cpl. who, on being questioned, blushingly denies being the culprit.



Dagshai,

April, 1930.

THE usual ceremony of Trooping the Colours took place at Dagshai. The weather was ideal, and the parade, for which the Simla Hills provided a most effective background, went off without a hitch, the good marching of the Band and Drums in the slow and quick Troop being especially commented on by the spectators.

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Lt.-Col. O. B. Foster, M.C., took the salute in the march past, and Lt.-Gen. Sir C. J. Deverill, Q.M.G. in India, took that of the advance in review order.

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Telegrams were received from the following:—Major-Gen. Girdwood; Brigadiers Sitwell and Sandilands; Colonels Sturgess, Heard, Moulton-Barrett, Hardman-Jones, and Kershaw, and families; Majors St. John, Leverson, Ovans, Lawson; Captains Chipper, Plummer, Waight (and Mrs. Waight), Attwater; Lieuts. Pringle, Tarleton and Flower; the 1st Battalion, the Depôt, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, the Fifth Fusiliers' Old Comrades Association, the First Northumberland Regiment, the Officers at Birdwood Battacks; Mrs. Clifford.

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We were very sorry that Brigadier Sandilands had to cancel his visit at the last moment, owing to the situation at Peshawar.

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After the ceremony of The Trooping of the Colours about 60 guests were entertained at the Station Club, which had been very kindly lent for the purpose.

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The Serjeants' Ball, which was a most enjoyable show, took place the same evening, and was attended by most of the station.

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A successful tennis tournament was held between the Officers and Serjeants, on 25th March. The Officers won by 71 games to 55.

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The Officer pairs, with the number of games scored by each out of a possible of 21 are given below:—

Major Critchley-Salmonson and Lieut. Humphries ..	15
Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone and Lieut. Wadalia, I.A.U.L.	15
Lieut. Grimley and Lieut. Bradford	13
Lieut. Bolster and Lieut. Hobbs	12
Lieut. Martin and Lieut. Hesketh, I.A.U.L.	9
Lieut. Lean and Lieut. Redhead	8

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The move to Dagshai from Lahore was even more typical of such journeys than usual, and one would have to be gifted with the pen of a Macaulay to do it adequate justice.

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"A" Company and H.Q. Wing, plus attached men, left Lahore at 9.15 p.m. on 16th April, and arrived at Kalka, at the foot of the hills, two hours behind scheduled time, owing to the fact that the Viceroy was preceding us, *en route* to Simla.

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On arrival at Kalka, some 40 tons of baggage was transported by hand a distance of 50 yards to the small gauge train which was waiting to take it to Dharampore, the station for Dagshai. When everything was safely loaded, those who did not know Dagshai heaved a sigh of relief, under the fond illusion that their troubles were nearly over. They were rudely disillusioned.

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The detachment and baggage moved off from Kalka in three trains, the last of which arrived at Dharampore at about 2.30 p.m.

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Dharampore Station consists of a narrow strip of gravel, some 100 yards long by 4 to 3 yards wide, and on to this were decanted some 280 soldiers and 1,000 mounds of baggage.

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The station yard, approximately the size of a Badminton court, is approached from the main road by an S-shaped track of a gradient of about 1 in 6, and on the main road itself 70 bullock carts stood waiting for our kit.

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Normally, only two carts approach at a time, but the leading 15 drivers all being simultaneously animated by a desire to get their carts loaded first, set their bullocks in motion and attempted to negotiate the descent. When order had finally been restored, at no small price to life and limb, about half an hour of precious daylight had been wasted. No self-respecting Spanish bullfighter would have flounted his cloak in the station yard on that memorable afternoon.

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Once order had been restored, loading commenced apace, in spite of the fact that the congestion on the platform was added to, in that the railway company had decided to transport from Dharampore on this particular day a huge stock of timber and about 20 tons of pig iron.

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The last party eventually moved off on the three mile march to Dagshai at 6.15 p.m.

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Several complicated blocks of transport on the road were safely overcome, and the last cart reached Dagshai parade ground about half an hour after dark had fallen. Most of the luggage had then to be carried up the various hills to Company bungalows, a task at which even Sisyphus might have boggled.

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Space forbids us to recount the arrival of the second party, and we can only console ourselves with the fact that it is the last time we shall move to Dagshai.

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We are indebted to Lieut. Foster, recently returned from a Course at the M.G. School, Ahmednagar, for permission to narrate an unusual shooting incident.

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It appears that Lieut. Foster fired at a bird which he took to be some form of grouse. This grouse, if grouse it was, resented the attention in a most outrageous and inconsiderate manner, which we feel sure will be condemned by all sportsmen. It burst into flames and disappeared into the jungle in a cloud of smoke which apparently emanated from its tail.

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Unshaken by the indignant, and in some cases we regret to have to say unsympathetic, cross-questioning of his fellow shikaris, Lieut. Foster stoutly maintains that the facts are as stated, and has notified his intention of communicating with our distinguished contemporary *The Field*.

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We are naturally diffident in anticipating the comments of so distinguished a journal, so will content ourselves with the reflexion that in the good old days "La chasse au Phoenix" must have been a peculiarly irritating form of sport.

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It is understood that the Higher Command are much concerned by the lack of facilities for recreation at stations in the Simla Hills. To remedy this want we are pleased to be able to announce that a series of most interesting T.E.W.T.S. in mountain warfare are being arranged for Officers at comparatively small expense to themselves. Moreover the troops are also being allowed to participate and in their case there will be no expense at all.

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It has been further suggested that the enjoyment of all concerned would be greatly enhanced if a special marching song were written, which could be sung by the enthusiastic soldiery as they hunt the specially provided tribesmen up and down the local precipices.

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As our Bandmaster is not here to write original music, we have tried to set suitable words to that popular war-time tune, "On Sunday I Go out with a Soldier":—

On Monday we march to mountain warfare ;
On Tuesday we climb the highest hill ;
On Wednesday we hear that somewhere quite near
We'll climb one higher still.
On Thursday we go to build a sangar,
Which Friday still finds us sitting near ;
By Saturday we'll wonder, "How the why, the thunder,
Did I become a——*Fusilier !"

* This is left blank to be filled in according to the mood of the singer. The word should be of two syllables and appropriate, such as "Dashing, gallant," etc.

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Up to the time of writing, 29th April, the Lahoirs have remained surprisingly apathetic to the ravings and scurrility of the local gutter press. These papers succeed in maintaining a level of frenzied hysteria regarding all things British which would be the envy and despair of our soap-box orators at home.

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"Down with slavery! Up, brave Indian youth, and drive the accursed blood suckers with pistol, bomb and sword into the sea!"

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This is a typical extract from the *Intelligence Press* summary. The idea is a little ambitious perhaps, but otherwise excellent. It is when we get down to the method of execution that our actions become a little vague. Such details are very properly left to the "Brave Indian Youth." After all, no reasonable person would expect an agitator to be practical.

Northern Command Individual Boxing.

This Competition took place at Rawal Pindi, beginning on 12th April. Those who had reached the final in the Lahore District Boxing were qualified to enter. We were thus entitled to send four representatives:—Fusrs. Marshall, Seymour, Miller and Carroll. The latter won his weight.

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Fus. Miller (*Welter-Weight*) beat Lce.-Cpl. Burns, Royal Sussex Regt., by a k.o. in the first round. In the semi-final he defeated Pte. Williams, East Surrey Regt., also by a k.o. in the first round. In the final, Miller lost to Gnr. Webb R.A., on points, after a very good fight in which Miller shook his man badly in the second round, but Webb recovered to win on points in the third round.

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Fus. Marshall (*Light-Weight*). After a walk-over in the first round Marshall met Pte. Turner, East Surrey Regt., in the semi-final, and lost a hard fight, which was stopped in favour of Turner in the third round.

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Fus. Seymour (*Feather-Weight*) lost on points to Pte. Lewis, East Surrey Regt. Seymour was floored in the second round by a right hook to the point from which he never really recovered. This enabled Lewis to win on points in the last round.

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Fus. Carroll (*Fly-Weight*) met Pte. Carter, Royal Sussex Regt., in the first round, and knocked him out after forty seconds. In the final Carroll met Pte. Glockling, East Surrey Regt. After scoring freely with his left in the first round, Carroll knocked his man out in the second round with a right hook, and thus won the weight.

Boxing.

The Hart Medal Competition.

Entries this year were disappointingly small, partly due to the fact that there has been a good deal of boxing this winter and partly to the fact that the members of the Battalion team were such hot favourites for their respective weights, that others were discouraged from going in for them.

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In these circumstances the Commanding Officer decided to depart from the usual rule and to give a Hart Medal in weights where there were less than four competitors, so that members of the Battalion team should not be deprived of the medal which he felt they deserved.

HART MEDAL WINNERS.

Left to right.—Fus. Miller, "D.M.G." (*Light-Weight*). Fus. Seymour, "D.M.G." (*Bantam-Weight*). Fus. McKie, "C" (*Welter-Weight*). Fus. Marshall, "A" (*Feather-Weight*).
Absent (in hospital) Fus. Wright, "C" (*Middle-Weight*).

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Fus. Seymour and Miller had got their weight down and won medals in the weight below the one they won last year. Fus. Wright fought above his weight in winning the Middles.

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The boys also put up an excellent show, which was largely due to Cpl. Winward, who instructed them.

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The Commanding Officer awarded the Hart Cup to Fus. Seymour. It is appropriate to remind boxers that this Cup is awarded "to the boxer who by his skill, pluck and clean fighting

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is judged to have best maintained the reputation of the Battalion for these qualities."

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The results were :—

BOYS' CONTESTS.

No. 1. Boy Clarke beat Boy Jaques on points.
No. 2. Boy Bowles beat Boy Fox on points.
No. 3. Boy Bartrop beat Boy Whittle on points.
No. 4. Boy Edgington beat Boy Gibson on points.
No. 5. Boy Bridgewater beat Boy Lowe on points.
No. 6. Boy Palmer beat Boy Wyles in the first round.

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HART MEDALS.

Bantam-Weight. Final.

Fus. Seymour (D.M.G.) beat Fus. Murphy (H.Q. Wing) with a knock out in the second round.

Feather-Weight. Semi-Finals.

Fus. Marshall (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Davies (" B " Coy.) in the second round.

Fus. Wilson (H.Q. Wing) beat Fus. Metcalfe (D.M.G.) by a knock out in the second round.

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FINAL.

Feather-Weight. Final.

Fus. Marshall beat Fus. Wilson on points.

Light-Weight. Final.

Fus. Miller (D.M.G.) beat Fus. Ford (D.M.G.) by a knock out in the first round.

Welter-Weight. Final.

Fus. McKie (" C " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. King (D.M.G.) in the second round.

Middle-Weight.

Fus. Wright (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Black (D.M.G.) on points.

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Serjeants' Mess.

Dagshai.

During the month of March, after the March notes had gone to press, a Billiard Handicap was run in the Mess ; also a Tennis Tournament against the Officers, who were " At Home " to us. In this Tennis Tournament the Officers inflicted a crushing defeat on us by 71—55 games.

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However, they made up for it afterwards by giving us a very enjoyable evening. The results of the Billiard Handicap are shown elsewhere in these notes.

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Two of our single married members have received news from home that recent events have made them proud fathers, and we take this opportunity of congratulating Sjt. Chapman and Sjt. Young as the lucky recipients of these offsprings—a daughter in the former case, and a son in the latter.

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Car rides. How awfully fine it must be to own one's own car. Let's hire a taxi ; set her going, George, and make tracks for Lahore City. It isn't often that " A " Company have a day out. It's really marvellous how a car goes. Someone turns the handle, messes about with the contraptions in front of the car, grips the wheel in a very business-like manner, and away she goes. At least she did for about a mile, then she jibbed. " A " Coy., ever to the fore, got out and gave it a dose of gentle persuasion, and off she went again, but in spite of the dose of gentle persuasion she soon conked out again, and half-way between Lahore and Barracks the awe-inspiring spectacle of " Plonker " doing a feat of tug-of-war in front, nobly assisted by the push ball crowd in rear and the " quarter-bloke " at the wheel, will live long in the memory of those who were fortunate to witness it.

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Sjt. and Mrs. Hunter, with family complete, have returned to the flock once again, after hibernating in the salubrious climate peculiar to the Depôt. We are all pleased to have them back again.

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Since his arrival, Tommy has been initiated into the mysteries of the " Bung " Club, and is learning the left hand habit with rapid dexterity.

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The majority of the " puny " members of the Mess have emigrated to the hills, leaving the fat ones in the plains for the first half of the season, to enable them to render down to more appreciable proportions. We feel sorry for " Bustie," the most delicate of the lot.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1930.

SERJEANTS' MESS GROUP, LAHORE.

Standing.—Staff-Sjt. Darrach (R.A.M.C.). Armourer Sjt. Phelps (R.A.O.C.).
Sitting.—Sjt. Leeder. R.Q.M.S. Beck, M.M. C.Q.M.S. Hamilton.

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St. George's Day, as far as the Mess is concerned, commenced on the afternoon of the 22nd with the decorating party well to the fore.

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" Geordie " Bowker—otherwise known as " Lofty," put all the high bunting up, ably assisted by " Chota " Chapman, who handed him the hammer and nails. " Ritchie " performed very ably on the harp of the Irish flag, with a vocal accompaniment feelingly rendered by Thomas Weston.

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The morning of the 23rd was ushered in with glorious weather and the whole of the parade passed off without an hitch before

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a crowd of spectators from the local and surrounding hills. The dance held in the Mess at night was also a huge success, and C.S.M. Mole and his committee are to become congratulated on putting up such a good show in view of the fact that he had such little time to make preparations for it.

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Two more of our members have joined the ranks of the Benedicts. C.S.M. Larkman and Sjt. Smith were married at Bombay, and we take this opportunity of welcoming their brides amongst our numbers, and hope that their short spell with us will be an enjoyable one. C.S.M. Dalby and Mrs. Dalby, who were at Bombay awaiting their boat to take them on leave in U.K., ably assisted the padre in tying the knot in the case of C.S.M. Larkman.

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C.S.M. Larkman proceeded straight on his honeymoon to Pachmarhi, on a Small Arms Course, quarters at the last minute having been found for Mrs. " Bill." We hope he is not boring her to death with frequent ejaculations of " Gun stops 1," or keeping the pantry empty by shouting " Re-load."

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Lce.-Sjt. Miller, otherwise known as " Jocker," has also proceeded on a Small Arms Course at Pachmarhi.

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Our hearty congratulations to the undermentioned on their promotions, as follows :—

C.S.M. Beck to R.Q.M.S.
Lce.-Sjt. Smith to full rank.
Sjt. Mole to C.S.M.
Cpl. Davies and Cpl. Batie to Lance-Serjeants.

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News has just been received that the vacant post of R.S.M. has at last been filled, and we look forward to welcoming R.S.M. Dipper in our midst in the near future.

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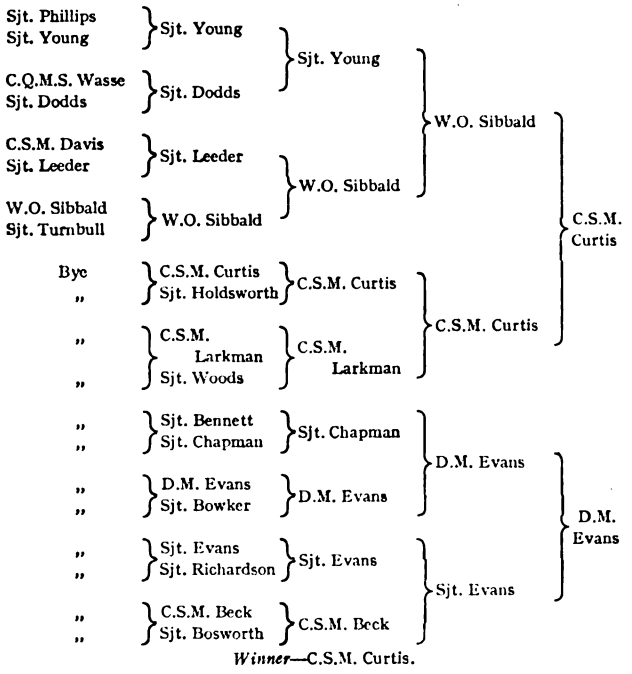
The following is the result of the Billiard Tournament :—



Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
22nd May, 1930.

LAST month our notes closed somewhat earlier than usual owing to Easter.

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Almost everyone at the Depôt proceeded on Easter leave from 17th to 21st April.

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The Spring Meeting of the High Gosforth Park Club was held on Easter Monday and Tuesday, when the Officers of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts entertained quite a number of their friends to tea in their box.

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This year St. George's Day was observed as a holiday, and all the Officers and a few of the Depôt Staff went to York for the Trooping of the Colours and the Serjeants' Dance.

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We wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, telegrams or cables of good wishes received from the following :—1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 4th Battalion, 5th Battalion, 6th Battalion, 7th Battalion, Old Comrades' (London), The Royal Society of St. George, Col. Ainslie, General Armstrong, Air Commodore Bonham Carter, Mr. Crawhall, Col. Dashwood, General Festing, Mr. Forbes-Watson, Lt.-Col. Forsyth, Major Greville Williams, Colonel and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, Colonel and Mrs. Heard, Colonel and Mrs. Kershaw, General Lambton, Lt.-Col. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Pringle, Brigadier Sandilands, General Sitwell, Major and Mrs. Stephens, Major and Mrs. St. John, Mr. Stockley and Fus. Macdonald, Col. Sturgess, Major Thornton, and Colonel Charles Wood.

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The Aid Society Ball was held on Friday, 25th April. An account of the Ball appears elsewhere in this month's *Gazette*.

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We held a Recruits' St. George's Dance on the evening of 25th April, which was an acknowledged success. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., and continued until 2 a.m. The Gymnasium was transformed from a muscle factory into a decorated ball-room in a very short time, thanks to the efforts of C.S.M. Moon, Sjts. Cross and Chislett. The refreshments were in the very capable hands of Miss Dewing, of the N.A.A.F.I. The Committee are to be congratulated on running a very fine show.

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This year, as last year, the Depôt held a combined parade with the 6th Battalion, which took place on Sunday, 27th April, a full account of the parade appeared in the 6th Battalion's Notes last month. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Colonel Wilkinson and the Officers of the 6th Battalion for once again being so kind as to put the Band and Drums of the Battalion at our disposal for the purposes of this parade.

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During the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from the following :—Mr. Bland, Lt.-Col. Booth, Capt. Pemberton, Mr. Butterfield, Capt. Plummer, and Mr. Earle.

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We have also received official visits from the A.D. of H.,

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The Area Commander, and the Assistant Inspector of Education (War Office).

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During the present "Training" year personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade have attended Courses at the Depôt as under :

Six Day Courses—

P.S.I.'s	11	Intelligence	18
Cooks	7	Range-finder	14
M.G.	31		—
Platoon Serjeants	29	Total	193
Section Leaders	48		—
Lewis Gun	36		

Fourteen Day Courses—

Signalling	5	Officers attached	1
Cooks	2		—
		Total	8
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Twenty-one Day Courses—

P.S.I.'s, M.G.	2
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Total	2
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Grand Total	205
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In addition four Permanent Staff Instructors have received assistance in studying for their 1st Class Certificates of Education, an N.C.O. has attended Walker Drill Hall to give instruction in Machine Gun Training, and N.C.O.'s have assisted at Ponteland Ranges.

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A fourteen days' Signalling Course for personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., has just been held at the Depôt. There were five students, and the Instructors were Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson and Lce.-Cpl. Latimer, of the 1st Battalion.

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On the 2nd May, The Royal Grammar School O.T.C., Newcastle-upon-Tyne (affiliated to Depôt), held a field day at Blagdon Park, at which the Commanding Officer and Adjutant umpired. This was the first field day that this Contingent has held since the war, and it is hoped that this may become at least an annual, if not a terminal event.

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The Maxse Cup Competition was held on the 5th and 6th May, at Strensall. The Training Cadre, consisting of Lieut. Clarke, Sjt. Annison, Sjt. Frayne, Lce.-Sjt. Graham, Lce.-Sjt. Gray, and Lce.-Sjt. Jamieson, are to be heartily congratulated on the result. It would be interesting to know how the Training Cadres of other Infantry Depôts in the Northern Command are employed throughout the year. We rather flatter ourselves that our Training Cadre do not spend a very great deal of time in preparing for the Maxse Cup, in so much that their time is fairly well occupied in training Territorials, Supplementary Reserve Officers, and Officers attached from O.T.C.'s, quite apart from their normal duties in connection with the training of recruits and Depôt Staff. We append the result.

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Depôt.	Drill.	Weapon Training.	Demonstration.	Total.	Position.
N.F.	79	83	85	247	4

There were 13 Depôts competing.

The Depôt Staff are now busily engaged in firing their annual Rifle Course at Ponteland Ranges.

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As a temporary measure, Recruits no longer fire at the Depôt. but fire their Course on joining the Home Battalion. This means that Recruits will now undergo two weeks' training with the Training Cadre instead of only one week, as previously. Incidentally it may be mentioned that there doesn't, at present, appear to be even so much as a hope of obtaining a suitable site within reasonable distance of the Barracks for the erection of a new 30 yards range.

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A long felt want has at last been realised by the opening of a 5th/68th Regimental Depôt Visitors' Room. Though extremely small, the room is conveniently situated within a few yards of the Infantry Gate, and should prove a great boon to parents and others wanting to see Recruits, which previously they had to do outside the Barrack gate.

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There are now three Squads at the Depôt :—February Squad (strength 26), March Squad (strength 26), and April Squad (strength 33). A further Squad is to be recruited for the Depôt in the very near future.

WINNERS OF WEIGHTS, INTER-DEPÔT BOXING.

Top row.—Fus. Robson, Fus. Marsh, Fus. Brown, Fus. Oldfield, Fus. Gardner, Fus. Fieldhouse.

Middle row.—Fus. Creswell, C.S.M. Moon, Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C., Fus. McFarlane.

Bottom row.—Fus. Morrell. Fus. Lawton.

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The Management of the Queen's Hall very kindly invited fourteen of our Recruits to a Trade Exhibition of the new talking film, "Journey's End." This was much appreciated by all who went.

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On the afternoon of 29th April, we found the escort at the funeral of Col. Rundell, late I.A., who was interred from Priors Terrace, Tynemouth. The escort of 50 other ranks, commanded by Capt. Lindsay, M.C., was found by us, and the Firing Party and Pall Bearers by the Durham Light Infantry. The drill, marching, and general bearing of all concerned was very creditable when it is taken into consideration that the average service was about three months.

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Cross-country running is still held on most Mondays, the results of the last two being as follows :—

5/5/1930.	1, April Squad	175 pts.
	2, February Squad	224 ,,
	3, March Squad	303 ,,
19/5/1930.	1, April Squad	174 ,,
	2, March Squad	227 ,,
	3, February Squad	288 ,,

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

5/5/1930. 1, Fus. Wilson, April Squad.
2, Fus. Forrest, February Squad.
3, Fus. Hine, February Squad.
19/5/1930. 1, Fus. Forrest, February Squad.
2, Fus. Wilson, April Squad.
3, Fus. Harrison, April Squad.

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The results of the Rooms Competition for last month was as follows :—

1, April Squad (Sjt. Chislett).
2, March Squad (Sjt. Lynch).
3, February Squad (Sjt. Horlington).

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The winning Squad were granted week-end leave. The rooms have improved tremendously during the last few months, and the Squad N.C.O.'s are to be complimented on the results.

Extracts from Part II. Orders.

RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

4256773 Fus. J. Charlton, re-engaged 22/4/30.
4257462 Cpl. J. Taylor, re-engaged 24/4/30.

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TRANSFERS TO RESERVE.

4263097 Fus. J. G. Nicholson (8/5/30).
4263117 Fus. J. J. Carver (11/4/30).
749741 Fus. J. Barnes (21/5/30).

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CONTINUANCE IN THE SERVICE.

4256944 R.S.M. G. E. Brockelsby, D.C.M., permitted to continue in the Service for a further period of one year till 14/2/32.

2730638 Fus. E. M. Hardie, permitted to continue in the Service to 24/11/33.

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EXTENSION OF TOUR OF DUTY.

4264388 Cpl. C. Morrison, Tour extended to 26/3/31.

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POSTINGS.

4266628 Fus. M. J. Bonner, posted for Tour of Duty, 26/4/30.
4256590 Lce.-Cpl. R. Dunn, posted for Tour of Duty, 26/4/30.
4267217 Fus. J. A. Sinclair, posted for Tour of Duty, 26/4/30.

EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The under-mentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 9/4/30 :—

4267405 Fus. J. S. Bell
4267319 Fus. R. H. Dick
4267310 Fus. G. Forrest
2467249 Fus. J. R. Hardy
4267362 Fus. G. Ivinson
4267345 Fus. A. T. Livingstone
4267309 Fus. J. Maddock
4267346 Fus. W. Meddes
4267387 Fus. W. Rooney
4267369 Fus. A. B. Symmonds
4267340 Fus. J. Wilkinson
4267260 Fus. G. T. Worthy
4267245 Fus. A. C. Cleough
4267302 Fus. T. French
4267384 Fus. F. Gresswell
4267269 Fus. S. Hutchinson
4267308 Fus. S. Keiling
4267257 Fus. G. Morrell
4267329 Fus. B. McBride
4447534 Fus. G. Pitch
4267318 Fus. G. A. Ridley
4267388 Fus. W. H. Sewell
4267390 Fus. F. A. Wilson

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education on 7/5/30 :—

4266043 Fus. F. Casey
4447268 Fus. M. Dempsey
4267303 Fus. R. Goodwin
4267415 Fus. J. Howe
4267408 Fus. M. King
4267419 Fus. F. Mullen
5043402 Fus. D. Oldfield
4267458 Fus. J. Sherriff
4267484 Fus. R. Turnbull
2565462 Fus. F. Williams
4267483 Fus. J. Donaghie
4267140 Fus. G. Davis
4267481 Fus. H. Hall
4267470 Fus. O. Hinton
4267441 Fus. R. Marshall
4267320 Fus. J. Neal
4267306 Fus. R. Stephenson
4267468 Fus. P. Sweeney
4267304 Fus. A. Thwaites

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EDUCATION.

The following are the results of the March Examination of Candidates for 1st Class Certificates of Education :—

4257189 A/C.S.M. W. Clare (7th Bn.), passed in Maths.
2649079 A/C.S.M. W. Cornes (6th Bn.), passed in Maths. and awarded 1st Class Cert. of Education.
4267400 Sjt. G. B. Cross (Depôt), passed in Maths. and Map Reading.
4263259 Lce.-Sjt. F. Gray, passed in Maths. and Geography, and awarded 1st Class Cert. of Education.
4261893 Lce.-Sjt. G. Jamieson, passed in Map Reading.
7076199 Cpl. E. Jarmain, passed in English.
4264388 Cpl. C. Morrison, passed in Geography and Map Reading.

Aid Society Ball.

The Seventh Annual Aid Society Ball was held on Friday, 25th April, at the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, and was generally voted a good ball socially, and we are glad to say financially—a sum of approximately £240 being handed over to the Secretary of the Aid Society. We wish again to thank all the members of the Committee for the great interest they have again kindly shown in selling tickets and attending Committee Meetings, also in the collecting and arranging of flowers and plants for the decoration of the ball room.

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We wish especially to thank the indefatigable Treasurer, Capt. Frank Clayton, for all his zeal and hard work, and Mrs. Stephenson and Capt. Parmeter for their untiring energy in making the ball-room such a garden of flowers.

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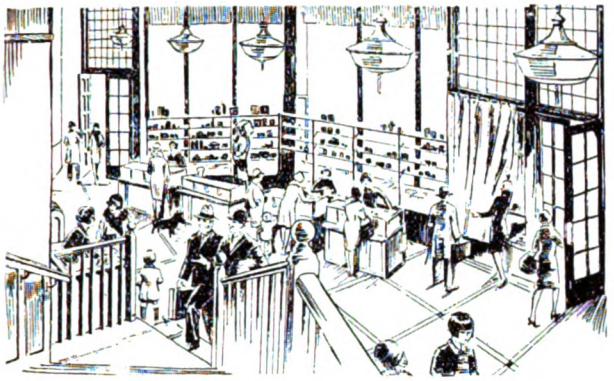

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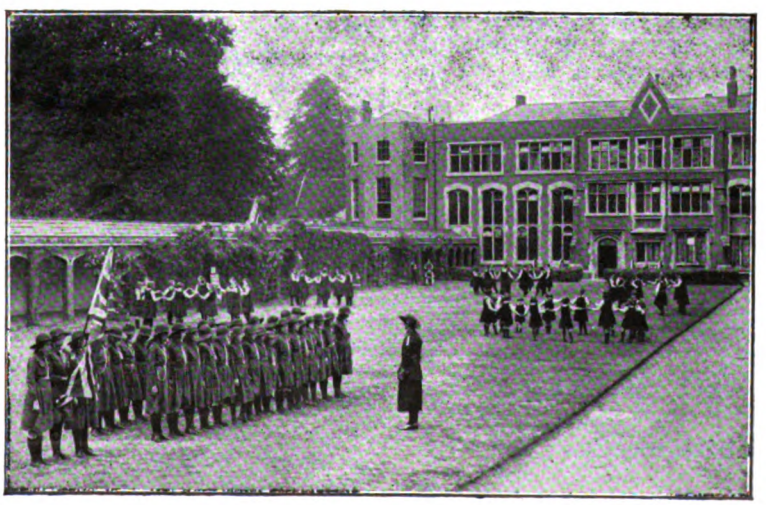

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Our thanks also are especially due to Lord and Lady Armstrong for coming to receive the guests at the reception where their presence was very much appreciated.

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It would be hard to find a more enthusiastic and zealous Committee, and the success of the Ball each year is entirely due to their hard work.

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We append an account from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*:

"The most delightful ball-room scene imaginable was presented in the Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, last night, when the Seventh Annual Ball, in support of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, was held there.

"The touch of pageantry associated with most Military balls was in the first place vivid and picturesque—Regimental colours and scarlet-coated soldiers on guard on the balcony, uniform and decorations worn by the Officers dancing, a piled decoration of rose-decked drums at the stairhead—all helped in affixing the stamp of Military splendour upon the scene.

"But its chief distinction and charm lay in the flowers that profusely and exquisitely decorated every corner of the rooms. Thousands and thousands of daffodils, all gifts from Northumbrian gardens and woods, were massed in a golden glory against the walls and in the windows, banked in corners and clustered on tables. They shone as though illuminated against the soft green walls of the Falstaff Room and the misty grey of another.

"In the reception room there were daffodils, too, but also there were lovely flower-groups of pheasants-eye narcissi and arum lilies, and delightful touches of pink in pots of spirea and begonias, and great boughs of flowering currant.

"The flowers presented to Lady Armstrong, however, when she and Lord Armstrong arrived to receive the guests, were red and white roses, the flowers of St. George, and the colours of the Regiment. And of all the women who wore fresh flowers in their dresses, many more than half wore the Regimental roses.

"The red and white flowers were worn in a great number of men's lapels also—Lieut.-Col. R. N. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., from York, commanding the 1st Battalion, and the first guest to be received, was one who wore them, and both Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., the Hon. Secretary, and Capt. F. C. Clayton, the Hon. Treasurer, wore roses also."

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

Please write on ONE side of paper only.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn-on-Tyne,

26th May, 1930.

THE chief feature of interest during May has been the sudden growth in the number of recruits coming in. This is no doubt largely due to the indirect stimulus given to the movement by two Recruiting Marches, one at Scotswood and a later one at Hexham. The immediate results of these marches proved disappointing, the male portion of the population appearing singularly uninterested. The after effects are shown by the steady stream of recruits of an excellent type that has been coming in is, however, more gratifying.

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On the Recruiting Marches, a large number of leaflets setting forth the conditions of service, attractions and emoluments of the Territorial Army were distributed.

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The knowledge of how to enlist and what he wishes to be in the Battalion evinced by our more recent recruit, show that these pamphlets must have been carefully perused by the recruitable public, and goes to prove the truth of the old saying, "That the pen (or in this case, the typewriter) is mightier than the sword."

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Section Training has been in full swing for the last two months in the Drill Halls, and has now given way to Platoon Training in the form of Sunday Drills in the country.

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Musketry is well forward, the majority of "W" (M.G.) Company having completed, as also have the trained men of H.Q. Wing and Rifle Companies.

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The later joined recruits will not fire till after camp.

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"W" Company goes to Allendale on Sunday, 25th, to fire Part III. (Field Firing), if the weather is good. We expect a large turn-out, and a valuable day's training should result.

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The chief sporting event of the month was a Boxing Competition held between "Y" and "Z" Companies at Haltwhistle. A good evening's boxing was witnessed, the result being a draw. "Y" Company are to be congratulated on the excellence of their arrangements. We were very glad to see the Brigade Commander (Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.), and also wish to thank Major Palmer, R.A., for coming out from Newcastle to referee for us. The following is a description of the event which appeared in the local paper:—

"Great interest was taken in a Territorial boxing tournament between the Haltwhistle and Prudhoe Companies of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers held in the Drill Hall, Haltwhistle, on Saturday night. Prior to the tournament, Haltwhistle Prize Silver Band played a programme of music in the Market Square, and then marched to the Drill Hall, where there was a crowded audience. The Officers present included Colonel Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., 149th (Northumbrian) Brigade Commander; Col. J. M. Clarke, V.D., Major Palmer, Major Bradley, Captain R. B. Webster, Captain Fryer, Captain Clarke, Lieut. J. Clark, Lieut. P. Cruddas, Lieut. T. H. Birkbeck, and Mr. J. Goldsmith. Many old members of the Territorials and prominent townspeople were present.

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"Major Palmer was referee, Major Bradley and Captain Fryer judges, Mr. T. T. Burbeck time-keeper, and R.S.M. Blakey announcer. A number of exciting Heavy and Light-Weight contests were witnessed. Honours were pretty evenly divided between the respective Companies.

"Colonel Warde-Aldam expressed his delight at being present and to see such a large crowd of interested spectators. He said it was 52 years ago since Colonel J. M. Clark started the Haltwhistle Company, which had distinguished itself over a long period of years. He complimented the boxing competitors on the fine sporting spirit shown in the bouts, and hoped the exhibition would result in others joining the Company. Lieut. Clark thanked the officials and Band and appealed for a further 20 recruits to complete the strength of the Company.

"Earlier in the evening Colonel Clark, Ashcroft, entertained the Officers to dinner at his residence."

Newburn Detachment.

St. George's festivities are now safely over, and we have got our noses well down to preparations for camp.

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Our Annual Dinner took place on the 24th April, at the Central Station Hotel, Newcastle, and we had a full turn-out, including guests and some of our old Officers.

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We were pleased to see our Brigade Commander, Col. St. A. Warde-Aldam, our Honorary Colonel; Col. A. J. Foster, Col. Clark, Major Stephenson, and Major Dixon.

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The Serjeants' St. George's Ball took place in the Drill Hall on the following night, and most of our Officers attended.

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It was a good show arranged by C.S.M. Dannaford and carried out by R.S.M. Blakey and R.Q.M.S. Connell.

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Mr. Rollingson's Dance Orchestra from Hexham was engaged and as usual gave us just the right kind of music.

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Unfortunately this was also the night selected for the Fusiliers' Aid Ball in Newcastle; however, Col. and Mrs. Cruddas and Capt. and Mrs. Fryer attended this function.

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There seems to have been a general all-round attempt this year to make us really busy just about this time.

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Not content with dinners and balls and amendments to manuals, our Military seniors must needs make us have a recruiting march in the vicinity of Lemington and Scotswood.

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We carried this out with the result that the Detachment is now almost at full strength.

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Further to all this, Company representatives were made to go to Catterick on the 4th May, to view the camp site and settle our future battles on the training areas.

The last straw, however, was the local Carnival. It commenced on the 1st May, blotting out one of our drill nights in its stride, and carried on with gradually diminishing hilarity as the impetus slackened, taking in all about a week.

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At the end of the week it was difficult to say whether our recruiting activities were part of the Carnival, or whether the Carnival was part of our recruiting propaganda.

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Major Hare was most energetic over the whole thing, and actually started the ball rolling by crowning the King of Carnival.

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Apparently this particular king was not as young as most carnival kings, but nevertheless he had to be crowned.

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In spite of all these things, however, we have endeavoured to complete the trained men's musketry and Lewis Gun Courses

during week-ends at Ponteland and with a fair amount of success.

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We were not so fortunate with the recruits. Probably due to the excitement of joining up under the emotions of carnival, they put up a bad show on the miniature range, so that they have not been able to complete their courses on the open range so far.

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Owing to pressure of business, Captain G. E. Charlewood has gone to the Reserve of Officers, but he has generously offered to carry out various social duties in an honorary capacity, so that he is not altogether lost to us, but we shall miss him in camp.

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Lieut. G. B. Smith has left our active membership and passed to the Reserve. We are sorry to lose him, but hope to see him from time to time.

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Sjt. S. Armstrong is still down in Lincolnshire, but he has intimated that he will be with us in camp and thereafter.

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This month we have created a bit of a record in the way of recruits, as one of our new Fusiliers weighs 17 stone, is 6 feet 2 inches in height, and has a chest measurement of 49 inches. Incidentally he will become a Military Policeman.

Serjeants' Mess.

Newburn.

Our St. George's Ball, which was held on the 25th April, proved from all accounts a great success, and was well attended by a lot of our ex-members.

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Our thanks must be given to the Committee, on the excellent way in which the arrangements were carried out, also to R.S.M. Blakey and R.Q.M.S. Connell, our M.C.'s, in seeing the dances went with a swing.

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The ingenious way in which one of the Committee (to wit "Tim") can scrounge various articles for decorating, especially the colour stand, would put all Quartermaster-Serjeants to shame.

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Thanks is also due to Sjt. McIver, our Master Cook, on the way the catering arrangements were carried out.

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Well, to more serious things—we are at present in the throes of musketry and drills; getting ready for camp.

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At present at night, if a stranger was to put his head in the Drill Hall he would hear the following conversation, "Gun stops one," "Slope arms," "One the command two," and various other words of command that tends to make soldiers.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Walker-on-Tyne,
23rd May, 1930.

BY this time our St. George's celebrations are part of our store of past recollections, and our Annual Camp is looming up ahead. All our Companies are training in earnest, as the time allotted is short and no margin for slackness is allowed. This year "A" (M.G.) Company are proving rather "highbrow." True they do occasionally condescend to come amongst us on Church Parades, etc., but for the most part the Company personnel is most illusive. They have purchased (so we hear) a private estate of their own on the "no deposit, free fire and life assurance system at station, every con., N. and C., etc.," and here they disport themselves each evening with weird mechanical instruments, brass wheels, etc., and talk in strange jargon of elevations and depressions, backward rotations and packing, or rather unpacking barrels (of what? we wonder).

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This private M.G. estate is surrounded by a high fence, barbed wire, and broken bottles, and woe betide the person who forgets to lock the gate.

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We are hiring a member of the Intelligence Section to enquire into this, and hope to announce the findings of our agent next month.

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This year our Annual St. George's Dinner was held at Headquarters at Walker on the appropriate day. We had amongst our guests the members of the Mess of the 149th Field Ambulance.

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This is the 21st year of their association with us in Annual Camp, they having always combined their Mess with ours, cheerfully accepting without murmur all those little white chits *re* hire of furniture, etc., which our P.M.C. delights to send them. We must congratulate them on having reached their "majority," and we now look forward to the "silver wedding."

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We were pleased to have amongst us, once again, our Honorary Colonel, Brig.-Gen. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O. He appears to be enjoying his well-earned retirement from active service, and the years rest lightly upon him.

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An enjoyable evening was spent, though quieter perhaps than last year, there being nobody who could be reasonably court-martialled for disciplinary offences. A varied and excellent repast was served up, for which credit is due to the chef and other officials of the Northern Conservative Club who were responsible for the catering, not forgetting the P.M.C. and Mess Committee who were responsible for the arrangements.

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As of yore, the Band was held to ransom and their instruments seized, the resultant conglomeration of musicians being ably led by Mr. Ogden.

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During the course of the evening the R.A.M.C. representatives found they were not going to get away scot free, without providing something in return for the dinner provided them, the emergency M.O. being called upon to render service to a certain subaltern who attempted to emulate Sir Richard Grenville's recorded habit, namely that of chewing pieces of wine glass.

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On Friday, 25th April, the Serjeants held their Annual St. George's Ball. They are to be congratulated on their splendid arrangements, which were in the hands of Sjt. Pringle and a small Committee. The music was provided by the Excelsior Melody Makers' Band. At 11 p.m. there were at least 250 couples on the floor, while the total attendance was nearly 600. Things went with a swing from start to finish, the pro-

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gramme being one suited to all ages. As a rule the writer has always recorded this event in the April issue of the *Gazette*, this year, however, after having made several spasmodic attempts to do so, duty was abandoned in favour of pleasure on that evening. The Ball went on until the wee sma' 'oors, and we learned that it was only with very great difficulty that R.S.M. Tyrell persuaded the "die hards" to go home to breakfast.

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We thank the Serjeants for an evening enjoyably spent.

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On Sunday, the 26th April, we had our usual St. George's Parade and attended Divine Service at Walker Parish Church. The morning was somewhat cold and damp and yet the attendance was amazing compared with that of last year. "B" Company are to be specially congratulated on their numerically strong turn out. Led by the Band and Drums, "A" (M.G.), "B" and H.Q. Companies marched to the foot of Welbeck Road where they were joined by "C" Company from Wallsend. At the Church "D" Company joined the remainder of the Battalion, having proceeded from Gosforth by car (of Corporation make). Thus the Battalion was greatly increased in strength when the Church was reached.

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Our Padre, the Rev. F. Turton-Dixon, R.N. (Hon.), officiated, and kept a promise which he made some two years ago, to tell us something of the story of St. George. After delving down into history and telling us much about the religious beliefs of the Roman soldier and of his idea of what heaven was like, Mr. Dixon very skilfully brought home to us the similarity between the Romans' idea of the cave and the bull to be killed and our own idea of St. George and the Dragon, showing our Regimental tradition begins in the antiquity of time.

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After the Service, the Battalion marched to Walker Park, where Bt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L., laid a wreath on the 5th Battalion War Memorial. This act invariably draws a large part of the populace of Walker, and so long as it is continued so long will the outside public be reminded of their debt to those who made the great sacrifice. We had hoped to send a photograph of this event for inclusion in this month's *Gazette*, but fear it must now stand over till June.

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Returning to the Drill Hall, another ceremony was performed. This was the presentation of the T.D. conferred upon Major W. H. Leete, D.F.C., by His Majesty The King, and also the presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to C.S.M. B. Hurt of our P.S. The following were presented with the Territorial Efficiency Medal for 12 years' service in the T.A. :—R.Q.M.S. J. Jude, C.S.M. W. Downey and C.Q.M.S. H. Wiles.

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The 1st Clasp to the T.E. Medal was awarded to Sjt. Bly and Mr. Smith, late Sjt. in this Battalion, for 24 years' service in the T.A.

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The presentations were made by Col. Anderson, who congratulated each in turn. Photographs will appear in our next number.

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We thank the following for good wishes received on St. George's Day :—The Editor, *St. George's Gazette*; Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers; 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th Battalions; Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, Major St. John.

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April is notoriously the month for weddings, and among those of last month was that of our Medical Officer, Lieut. E. S. Kirkhouse, to Miss Dunn, which took place at St. George's Parish Church on 30th April. We offer our best wishes to Lieut. and Mrs. Kirkhouse and hope to see them among us in the near future.

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This year the Battalion was represented at the Fusiliers' Aid Ball, held in Newcastle, by our Commanding Officer, Capt. Stanley, and Lieut. Ogden.

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The Brigade Golf Tournament was held at Alnmouth on 4th May in rather inclement weather. The Battalion was represented by Col. Anderson, Major Peatfield, Major Leete, Capt. Plummer, Capt. Newstead and Capt. Stanley. Major Peatfield and Capt. Plummer succeeded in retaining the Brigade Golf Cup for the Battalion, and there is no doubt that their high standard of play would have justified their inclusion in the British Walker Cup Team.

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A month or so ago we had the pleasure of congratulating Major W. H. Leete, D.F.C., on the occasion of the T.D. being conferred on him, and now he is to be congratulated on joining, not the "great majority" but, shall we say, the "small majority," consequent upon the establishment of the Machine Gun Company from 1st April.

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Recruiti[illegible] is month has been very brisk, and we are now in the h[illegible] position of picking and choosing our recruits. Our M.O., Capt. Watson, has always been very strict regarding the standard of physique, and we believe he is tightening this up still further.

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Our present strength is 19 Officers and 583 Other Ranks.

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We welcome a newcomer in Mr. G. M. Snowball to our midst, and trust his stay with us may be long and profitable to himself and the Battalion.

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Capt. F. H. Phillips has been granted leave of absence to proceed abroad on business for a period of six weeks. Fortunately, Capt. Phillips will return just in time for Camp. In the meanwhile, "B" Company is in the hands of Mr. Snowball; the Second-in-Command, Mr. Middleton, having been transferred to H.Q. Wing as Signalling Officer.

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We congratulate Messrs. Kirkhouse and Ogden on passing

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Part II. (written) Certificate "A," O.T.C. This will now cause them no further trouble, and they are now looking for fresh fields to conquer.

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Our C.O.'s wife and family have been enjoying a spring cruise round North Africa and the Mediterranean. We were very pleased to have a congratulatory telegram from Mrs. Anderson on St. George's night showing that she was still mindful of the Battalion though far away; and we take this opportunity of thanking her. We trust her holiday proved a very enjoyable one, and hope that she was not greatly troubled with "home sickness."

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Last month we announced the retirement of our Adjutant, Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., from the Active List. This month we extend a welcome to Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., who has been appointed to the vacancy. Capt. Plummer served in many spheres of action during the Great War as a temporary Officer, having seen service in France, Belgium, Gallipoli and Egypt. Since March, 1923, he has been with the 2nd Battalion, from which he has just lately returned.

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On 11th and 12th May a Tactical Exercise was held near Stamfordham. The Officers went out to go over the ground on the Saturday, and the N.C.O.'s of the Battalion were taken out by bus on the Sunday. The scheme was a simple defensive scheme designed to bring out the basing of defence upon the M.G.'s. Sunday morning proved rather damp, but some 80 or 90 N.C.O.'s turned out. The Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Walde-Aldam, D.S.O., visited us early in the day and remained with us during the Exercise. At the end he said that he was very satisfied with what he had seen.

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Conferences have been held at Headquarters on the 6th and 20th of this month.

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Recently our Band has been favoured with a lot of outside engagements. On 3rd April they rendered a programme of music at the Yard of Messrs. Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth and Co. on the occasion of the send-off of the s.s. *Maipo*, a Government Tanker to the Chilian Navy. It will be recollected that they had the engagement at the launching of this vessel in January.

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The Wallsend Serjeants' Mess held their Annual St. George's Ball on Friday, the 9th May, when the Drill Hall at Wallsend presented an animated appearance. Dancing was at first announced only till midnight, but an extension of this hour was obtained, and dancing proceeded until early in the morning. A goodly number of Officers managed to find time to attend this rather late St. George's event, and all testified to spending an enjoyable evening.

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Our thanks are due to the Wallsend Detachment Serjeants' Mess for a very pleasant time.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
May, 1930.

OUR congratulations are extended to Capt. G. L. A. France, on his promotion to that rank. Capt. France appears to be well dug in with the M.G. Company, and will apparently stay there.

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Recruits are coming in very steadily, but we have still room for more. The physique of our last batch was especially good, and we hope to see our numbers in camp well up to the average, as at present our strength is 21 Officers and 527 Other Ranks.

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After the strain of our St. George's Week, Battalion life seems to have narrowed down to concentration on training, and this month there is nothing of the lighter side of our existence to record.

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Companies have been doing their Musketry Courses and firing at Ponteland, or perhaps we should say at the Ranges which are in the other direction. The M.G. Company are due there this week-end, and the farmers in the hinterland have been duly warned.

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"A," "B" and "C" Companies, with their N.C.O.'s, on the Saturday, and massed Ranks on the Sunday, are carrying out their tactical exercises on the 24th and 25th instant, near Humshaugh.

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The attendance at Company Drills is steadily improving, and we hope this augurs well for camp. With so much unemployment in this area, Company Commanders find their ranks depleted by the next year. Some men seem to join the Regular Services, but a great many move away to the South, where industries are apparently more successful.

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Capt. C. G. Mackenzie, an old friend of the Battalion, and a brother of Major J. M. Mackenzie (our war-time M.O.), has kindly sent a leopard's skin from Nigeria for our big drummer's use. We are grateful for the gift, and much appreciate a very thoughtful action.

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Mr. H. P. Bell, from Uppingham O.T.C., has recently obtained his commission with us, and has been busy with "B" Company, both before his appointment and since. We are especially glad to have him amongst us, as he is a son of Colonel H. S. Bell, C.M.G., who formerly commanded the 72nd Brigade, R.A., in France, and has for years been a good friend to our Battalion. Mr. Bell is, incidentally, a nephew of our Commanding Officer.

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Our next notes will tell a tale of Wathburn Gill, and we hope at all events the weather will be kind to us. From all accounts we have a very complete camp site ready for us, and we hope the facilities will be good, as we are concentrating very much on providing as much recreation as possible.

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7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
24th May, 1930.

OUR Annual Officers' St. George's Day Dinner was held at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, on Saturday evening, 26th April—the 15th Anniversary of "St. Julien"—when some 35 Past and Present Officers and Guests sat down to an excellent repast.

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It was a most successful function in every way, and great praise is due to Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison for the very capable manner in which he organised such an enjoyable evening—quite the best of these St. George's Day Dinners since the war.

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The Adjutant should also be congratulated on having such an efficient nephew—or should we put it the other way round and say that "Uncle" has been well trained by a dutiful nephew?

We were honoured with the presence of some distinguished guests, including Major-General W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.-O.-C. 50th (Northumbrian) Division; Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. (Brigadier); Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O. (Commanding 1st Battalion, and our first post-war Adjutant); Major Daley, M.C., of the Divisional Staff; Capt. Pemberton and Mr. Butterfield (of the 1st Battalion); Mr. Runciman (who is to command the Durham Auxiliary Air Force Squadron), etc., etc.

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It was particularly pleasing to be able to welcome a large number of ex-Officers—some of whom had journeyed from London and the far South to be present. We hope that next year will see even more of them turn out.

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Dinner was followed by the usual Toast List—but may we say that the speeches were of an unusually high order, containing much "meat" in every instance?

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That is how it appeared to the writer of these notes, at all events—but on mature reflection we believe we may be using insulting terms to other speechmakers at such like gatherings, so it might be as well if the Editor re-modelled the foregoing paragraph and stated (with truth) that the 7th Battalion reporter present on the occasion of the Annual Dinner at Alnwick was on such good behaviour as to be able to appreciate and fruitfully digest all the words of wisdom spoken; and to get a "savvy" of all the various speakers' points—or words to that effect!

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The "cue" for a speech to commence was given by R.Q.M.S. J. Byrnes (late 2nd Bn. 5th Fusiliers), who produced a suitable tune for the occasion on the Northumberland Pipes.

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Our best thanks are due to that worthy for his services during the evening; and it was noticed that in addition to providing "harmony" he gave a number of lectures on "Pipe Mechanism," "Characteristics," and "Fire Direction" to some of those present, notably Colonel W. B. MacKay, C.M.G., T.D., J.P. (our old and respected M.O.), who is an expert on some other type of Pipes, said to be instruments of music.

After "The King" and "Absent Friends" had been honoured, Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.I., J.P., proposed the toast of the evening—"The Regiment," coupled with the name of Col. Booth. It was not a difficult thing for him to speak in glowing terms of Col. Booth, his old Adjutant in the 7th Battalion, he said, who had played such a great part in reorganising the Battalion after the War, and he was very proud to be coupling his name, as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, with the toast of the Regiment that evening. Apart from paying honour to the Regiment, Col. Wright—in his inimitable way—flavoured his speech with humourous stories. One of these—a sort of variation on the theme of Little Bo'-Peep and the Sheep-stealing Motor Bandit caused much amusement long before the culminating point was reached, and we were privileged to witness, both orally and under the "visual training" code how a Very Senior Officer may and can enjoy a good laugh from time to time.

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Col. Booth, who was in capital form, was greeted with acclamation on rising to reply. He told us how pleased he was to be dining with the 7th Battalion again. He rather regretted that the toast had not been "The *County* Regiment," as that was what the Northumberland Fusiliers was, more than any other Regiment in the Army. "We are a County Regiment first and foremost," he said, "recruited largely in Northumberland. We have four Territorial Battalions, each of which is really part and parcel of the Regiment—and the liason that exists between the Regular and Territorial Units in our County is very real indeed." He was very proud of his association with the 7th Battalion, and paid a happy tribute to Col. Wright, to whose endeavour and personality he gave credit for the successful re-raising of the Battalion on the post-war reorganisation.

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Next came "The Guests," proposed by the Commanding Officer. Col. Robson commenced by saying that he wanted to tell those present something of the activities of the Battalion, and would like to imagine himself in the position of the Chairman of a Company at its Annual Meeting. In such circumstances, he could well say—"Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report, and in being able to say that in every department—Drill, Turn-out, Strength, Musketry, etc., etc.—we have made an advance on last year. Speaking with particular reference to Musketry—both on the open range and Miniature Range—and a branch of the business that has only recently been developed to any great extent, the silver cups on the table before you testify to the progress made—and with careful handling I hope at next year's meeting to be able to declare an even higher dividend." His remarks were greeted with loud and long applause.

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The Colonel welcomed our Guests, of which he always liked to see a large number. Some of them had already been "dealt with" and he would now take on the rest. A great test of hospitality, he said, was to see both our Divisional and Brigade Commanders back again amongst us. They had both attended our Annual Dinner before, and their presence that evening clearly proved that they were glad to come. He hoped that we should see them again at our next social gathering.

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Gen. Newcome responded, and in a very humourous speech told us that there could be too much speech-making at Regi-

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mental Dinners—but he was not going to put his foot in it in that way, as he only wished to say two or three things.

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Talking about our forthcoming Divisional Camp, he said that, naturally, he was keen on having at least one "Divisional Day," when the whole of the Units of the Division together could fight either with or against each other. But at a preliminary conference with his three Brigadiers, they had all told him that such a thing would be a sheer waste of time. He said he felt sure that Battalion Commanders thought the same way about "Brigade Days"—that they were all "tosh" and useless, and coming down to Companies and Platoons even, they also no doubt believed that any training embracing more than their own Command was nonsensical. All of which he agreed with! But the point he wished to make was that a good Commander, whether commanding a Division or a Section, was always specially interested in his own command, and wished to train it to perfection, and even to the exclusion of anything else. In regard to this, he referred to Col. Booth's remarks, and said that although the Northumberland Fusiliers was a fine County Regiment with splendid county traditions and connections, we all formed part of the British Army, and it was the Army as a whole we had to work for. Therefore, despite the fact that his Brigadiers had negatived his Divisional Days, he was glad that in Camp this year we would be brought into close contact with the other arms, which we would have to fight with in the next war.

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Speaking as a Gunner, he was particularly keen on close liason between the Artillery and Infantry—that even if only a handful of men on the Infantry knew one Gunner Officer, they would be inspired with confidence in the Artillery if they saw him near them in battle.

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Recalling how he went out to the War as a Battery Commander of the 2nd Division in 1914, Gen. Newcome said he was proud of the fact that he was always known to the rank and file as "Lyddite Bill," and he thought it a great compliment that the Infantry soldier in the trenches should know him well enough to give him a nick-name, and it was that sort of spirit he wished to engender in the 50th Division between the two arms.

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As to the amenities of Catterick Camp, he would not say much. Having recently referred to Redesdale by its previous title of Adfines, and which had been interpreted as "The End of the World—or the Sanguinary Limit," he did not care to risk saying too much in case he lost his commission!

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Col. Warde-Aldam also spoke, and made some terrible disclosures.

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How are the mighty spoofed? And in reality how much of this spoofing is effective—how much of it is discovered, either before, during or after the said act of spoofery, and in what manner does it, or any portion of it—either successful or discovered—rebound on the spoofer or spoofee, as the case may be?

Col. Warde-Aldam said he had a very high regard for the 7th Battalion; but this regard was not based solely on the fact that the 7th Battalion had been successful in "old-soldiering" the Brigade Commander. He would not say that the 7th Battalion was the best in the Northumberland Brigade—that would not be good for them; and in any case he did not want to have a "Best" Battalion in his Brigade. He would like to bring out his old Regimental motto, "Nulli Secundus,' and while each Battalion might shine in some different way, he would like each of them to realise that they were a really good Unit, and part of a jolly good Brigade. The 7th certainly pulled its weight and more.

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No doubt hearing the gasps of astonishment, and noting the palour of certain Officers—the clutching at collars, the sipping of water, and other signs of nervous apprehension—on his mentioning about being "old-soldiered," Colonel Warde-Aldam proceeded to relate this anecdote:—

During the inspection of the 7th Battalion in camp in 19?? (and here, to allay suspicion the speaker congratulated us on having the best turned out Company in the Brigade), he was touched to observe with what solicitous care and kindliness a certain Officer led a sick and fainting Fusilier to the rear, there to lay him on the grass. Not until too late did he realise that the man in question had on dirty equipment, and that his recumbent posture was a strategic one, so that even had he been suspected the worst defects were between his body and the ground!!

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Shame on us! (*Note.*—We must tighten up our work in this essential branch of training, discover and eliminate all sources of leakage of information, and resolve never to be found out again.) It was a great effort though, and we had really complimented ourselves that this incident had gone unnoticed. We cannot yet make up our minds as to whether we were genuinely found out, or whether the Officer in question made a full and voluntary confession, or whether we were betrayed.

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The rest of the evening passed "in form," and we broke up in time to take our respective Detachments to church later in the morning.

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Company Training and Musketry are both proceeding apace, Sunday drills, in which two Companies join, are a great feature of our work, and these are well attended and are proving very beneficial. "A" and "B" Companies go to Beacon Hill; "C" and "D" Companies to Beauley.

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The St. George's Sunday Church Parades were very well attended this year, and we have good reason to be proud of the turn-out at the various stations.

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Colonel Robson was on Parade at Alnwick with "C" Company and Headquarters. Headed by the Drums, and under the command of Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, the Parade marched to the parish church, where the C.O. laid a wreath on the Battalion War Memorial. He also laid a wreath on the Town

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War Memorial. Marching back to the Drill Hall, the Colonel took the salute in Bailiffgate.

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Large crowds watched the Parade at Berwick, when " D " Company, under the command of Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P., and accompanied by ex-Officers, Cadets, the Mayor and Corporation, Police, etc., and headed by the Berwick Town Pipe Band, marched to the Parish Church, where an appropriate service was conducted. After the service the Parade marched to the War Memorial, where Capt. Todd laid a wreath on behalf of the Battalion.

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At Morpeth, " A " Company, under Mr. Sanderson, turned out in good numbers and was accompanied to church by a by a large number of ex-Servicemen, the Mayor, Corporation, and officials. Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., read the lessons. The church was crowded, and on the conclusion of the service the procession re-formed and led by the Battalion Band marched to the Town Cenotaph, where wreaths were laid by Mr. Sanderson on behalf of " A " Company, by the Mayor on behalf of the Town of Morpeth, and by Capt. Soulsby on behalf of the Boys' Brigade. The Last Post was sounded before the Company marched back to the Drill Hall.

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The Drill Hall at Berwick was beautifully transformed on the evening of the Company's Annual Ball (Thursday, 24th April). R.S.M. Ratliff and C.S.M. O'Connor deserve great credit for the decorations, which were very much admired. Each side of the hall was draped with flags and muslins of different colours, while other flags hung from the roof; and a conspicuous feature was a number of St. George's flags with the Battalion's battle honours suspended from the gallery. The lighting effects were also very effective. Capt. Todd, M.P., led off the " Grand March " with Mrs. Ratliff. R.Q.M.S. Hall and Sjt. Taylor very efficiently acted as M.C.'s, and they kept things going with a swing until 2 a.m.

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" A " Company also held their St. George's Ball in the Drill Hall, Morpeth, on Thursday, 24th April. The hall was gaily decorated, thanks to the hard work of the Committee. A very successful evening was enjoyed by those attending, and our only regret is that there were not greater numbers.

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The Ashington Ball (" B " Company) was held on the 25th April, and was a great success, there being over 200 present. C.S.M. and Mrs. Wade, ably assisted by the Committee, including Sjts. Burns, Redford and Mould, had made a very good job of decorating the Drill Hall; and Sjt. Mould, acting as M.C., kept the Band up to scratch until 2 a.m.

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The interior of the Northumberland Hall, Alnwick, was a scene of gaiety on Friday, 2nd May, when the Alnwick Detachment St. George's Day Ball was held. Excellent arrangements were made by Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison and Mr. Samwell, assisted by R.S.M. Dipper and R.S.M. Ratliff. As usual, Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison sent loads of evergreens from Hedgley Hall Grounds. The drums, decked with red and white roses, piled high behind the Regimental Cups and Trophies, with the unfurled Colours, made a centre of attraction. The evening was voted a great success.

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Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt has very kindly presented the Officers' Mess with a silver bell, for which useful gift we are greatly indebted to him. He has our best thanks, and we trust he will be enabled to see it in use, as a member of our Mess in camp next month.

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The C.O. and Company Commanders visited the Training Area and camp site over the week-end, 17th/18th May, but the writer has not yet sufficiently recovered from the early reports of their opinions to be able to write an intelligent appreciation of the situation. So this is deferred until next month. Suffice it to say that Capt. and Member of Parliament Todd hurriedly left the scene after a frugal lunch on the distant part of the area for the " House," where it is believed he is going to present a Bill on the subject.

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Several Officers of the Battalion, both past and present, were able to get to York to witness the Trooping of the Colours on St. George's Day, and all were thoroughly impressed with the splendid manner in which the ceremony was carried out. Those present included Lt.-Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson, Major H. R. Smail, Major C. F. Meyos, M.C., Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., and Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P.

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We are pleased to welcome C.S.M. W. Croft from the 1st Battalion to Berwick, where he has relieved C.S.M. J. Ratliff on his assuming the duties of R.S.M. at Alnwick, and we hope his tour of duty will be both profitable to us and pleasant to himself. The same remarks apply to C.S.M. W. Haddon, who has relieved C.S.M. Clare at Ashington.

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Capt. W. H. Dargie, M.C., who has been our Transport Officer, as also Brigade Transport Officer, since the reorganisation after the war, has resigned his commission and gone to the Reserve. He saw service with the 12th/13th Battalions during the war, and was awarded the Military Cross as Transport Officer.

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This month's notes will be surely incomplete without an addition to last month's notes on the subject of R.S.M. Dipper's departure, which actually took place on Sunday, 11th May. R.S.M. Dipper has shown great keenness and enthusiasm for the welfare of all ranks of the 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers whilst with us at Alnwick, and the loss of this W.O. will be felt by all.

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We take this opportunity of wishing R.S.M. and Mrs. Dipper and family the best of luck, and hope they will look us up at Alnwick on the 2nd Battalion's return from Shanghai.

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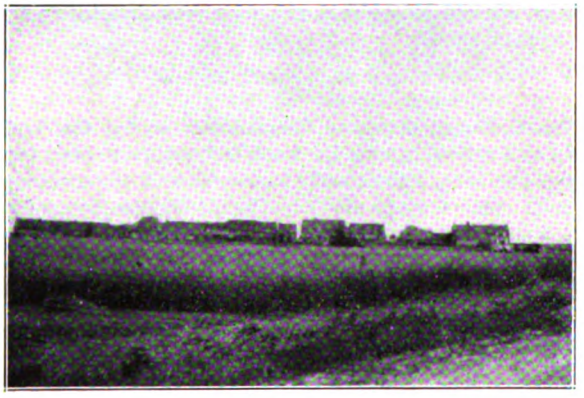
Fifteen Years Ago.

"The Salient."

After the storm of the Battle of St. Julien had subsided—and with darkness also came calm—the remnants of the 7th Battalion were collected and withdrawn to the vicinity of Wieltje, whence our attack had emanated, and towards midnight



THE VILLAGE OF WIELTJE, AS IT APPEARS TO-DAY.

on the 26th April, 1915, a party of some two hundred very tired, but still cheerful, Officers and men sought shelter in the numerous shell holes and stretches of trench that abounded, to get what rest was possible.

Two Officers were despatched to Potijze to seek the rations and watercarts, and on their way back to where the Battalion lay, in the faint light of early dawn, they were able to collect a number of men who had got lost the previous afternoon and who had attached themselves to other Units.

The following days were spent in reorganisation; and the sad task of compiling our first casualty list had to be undertaken. Our losses has been staggering, and particularly heavy in senior N.C.O.'s. Mercifully we were left in comparative peace by the Huns—who themselves must have had a series of very unpleasant knocks—and apart from finding sentries, etc., we were able to get a reasonable amount of rest.

On the 28th, Colonel Sir Geoffrey Fielding, of the Coldstream Guards, joined to command the Brigade; and on the evening of the 29th we moved to reserve trenches at Hell Fire Corner—that salubrious spot where the Ypres-Roulers Railway cuts the Ypres-Menin and Potijze-Zillebeke roads—a truly beautiful spot and apparently a perfect magnet for German shells of every known type. A six gun Battery of 5.9's seemed to be attending to it without ceasing. We moved off by Companies, and actually came to our destination by platoons at the double between salvoes of 5.9's.

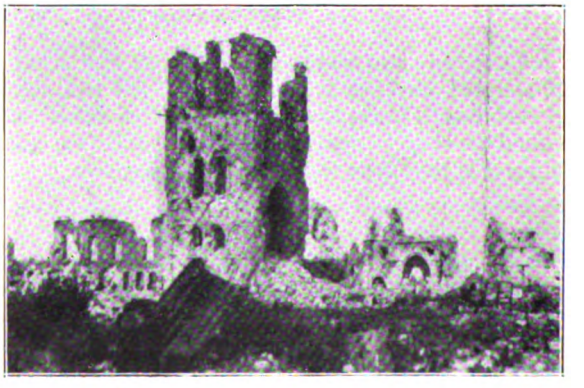
Next night the whole Battalion moved out on a working party under the Royal Engineers, and was engaged near Frezenberg digging a new line of trenches, to which we were told the advanced troops would withdraw in a few days—since the incursions made by the enemy into the north-east flank of the salient were endangering the whole of the line in front of Ypres, and not having enough troops to re-capture all the ground lost in the gas attack, our higher command had no option but to shorten the line by falling back to a position that offered good opportunities for defence. Starting forth at dusk, we drew tools from the R.E. dump at Frezenberg Station, and were guided to our allotted spot where we dug the whole night through, two Companies taking turns at digging while the other two rested. Our men, especially the miners, of which the Battalion was largely composed, did excellent work, and when we stopped off to return to our abode just before dawn, we left a good length of deep fire trench, properly traversed and ready for occupation.

Next day was spent in rest and in learning the most useful lesson of "lying doggo." The slightest movement drew German shell fire, so we quickly realised the importance of keeping movement down to nil.

On Sunday, 2nd June, we had a visit during the afternoon from the new Brigadier, who told us that we were to move back to rest billets at 8 p.m. that day. But before we got on the move the most hellish bombardment started, and an attack on Hill 60 being feared our orders to move were cancelled, and instead we were told to prepare to counter attack or support the front line if required.

After what seemed like hours, the firing died down, and at about 11 o'clock our orders to get back were renewed, and very quickly we were on the move, thankful to be leaving Hell Fire Corner behind. By devious routes, to avoid the town of Ypres, which all the time was being heavily shelled, we marched, and finally at about 5 a.m. reached Poperinghe, where we were billetted in the Convent. Here we were very glad to meet Lieut. and Q.M. R. Neville and the C.Q.M.S.'s, who had a hot meal ready for us—for which we were truly thankful; after which we simply tumbled in and slept the sleep of the just—many being too tired even to get out of their equipment. We were joined here by 2nd-Lieut. C. G. Johnson, of the 2nd Battalion, who assumed the duties of Adjutant, *vice* Capt. H. W. Archer, who was wounded at St. Julien.

At dusk the next day we were on the move again, and marching all through the hours of darkness arrived at Droglandt, a small village quite close to Winizeele, where we had spent a night previously on our original march up the line—at about 3 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th May. Here we were comfortably billeted,



THE REMAINS OF THE CLOTH HALL, YPRES.

but had hardly got turned in when a message came to say that we had to "clean up" and be ready for an inspection by the Commander-in-Chief at 11 a.m. that morning.

At 10.30 a.m. we fell in, and marched to a large field where what remained of the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade concentrated in hollow square formation.

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At 11 a.m. a fleet of motor cars drew up and the C.-in-C. with his Staff stepped out.

After taking the salute, Field-Marshall Sir John French addressed the Brigade, and no one who was present on that memorable occasion will forget his stirring words.

Arriving from England as we had, he said, when things were critical indeed, it was impossible to concentrate the 50th Division as a whole for the usual period of training or acclimatising customary on landing in France, but instead each Brigade had to be simply rushed forward and pushed in as early as possible to stem the tide following the "treacherous attack under cover of asphyxiating gasses, which no soldiers have used yet—and men who use them are not worthy of the name of soldiers." He told us that what had befallen us would have been a very severe trial to the best trained and disciplined troops, even after years of peace-time training at Aldershot, and complimented us on the front we presented that morning, saying that judging from our appearance he believed that we would be ready to take our place in the battle that very afternoon if called upon.

Such an address from the C.-in-C. was very gratifying. At about the same time in the House of Lords, the late Lord Kitchener referred to the attack of the Division as follows :—

"I want to tell you that the pushing up of the Northumbrian Division is one of the most glorious episodes of the war. They went up in broad daylight in skirmishing order in face of the most awful shell fire. It seemed impossible that any of them would reach the trenches. Their exploit will bear comparison with Balaclava, and I hope the day will come when a more able pen than mine will tell the world of the deeds performed by our incomparable Infantry in front of Ypres. I am thankful for the privilege of having the pleasure of congratulating them on their heroism, and offer them my undying admiration."

We spent a few very pleasant days in our billets at Droglandt. We were joined by a draft of 8 Officers from the 2nd line Battalion, and on Friday, 7th May, we had our first pay-day. The principle amusement was rumours—good and bad. The good rumours told us that after our terrible baptism and fearful losses no Division could be left in the country without a complete re-fit, and we were lulled into the belief that in all probability we would be sent back to England to fill our ranks and complete all lost equipment, etc., after which we would be sent off to some other theatre of war, preferably India or Egypt, but possibly the Dardanelles. Such rumours fairly kept us going, and when some of the transport limbers were withdrawn to make room for the issue of field cookers, later on, these rumours gained considerable strength. The bad variety were more persistent, and to the point, as they commanded us to be ready to move at an hour's notice ; and finally, one sunny morning (Monday, 10th May) we were loaded on to London buses and proceeded through Poperinghe to the woods where we had spent our first night under active service conditions. On the way up one of these buses upset into the ditch, and we had a terrible job trying to right it, and when this did not succeed the unfortunate occupants had to finish the journey on their flat feet. Here we were in reserve to the 4th Division, in front, and we remained until the 13th May, when we moved further up.

We marched out of our bivouacs early in the morning, and soon afterwards it commenced to rain, and it poured without stopping all day. We reached a ploughed field close to the railway and just clear of the outskirts of Ypres at about 11 a.m., and were ordered to dig in. This we promptly attempted, but no sooner had we got down a few inches than the proposed trench filled up with water, until very shortly the whole place was a quagmire. Towards dusk, somehow or other we got into a large barn nearby for shelter, and then orders were received for us to proceed to the front line to relieve a dismounted Cavalry Regiment, and before moving off we were issued with the first respirators—of the gauze and pad variety.

We proceeded along a road running north, then by cross-country tracks passing over the Yser Canal by a pontoon bridge about a mile to the north of Ypres, and thence by more tracks across country—on and on until the leading file was stopped by a sentry, just as the faint grey light of dawn was appearing. He asked where the H—— we thought we were going, informing us that he was the front line ! The C.O. went off to the headquarters of the people we were supposed to be relieving, and came back with the news that we were not expected until next night. Therefore, as day was breaking and we were uncomfortably near the Huns, we were ordered to man a line of reserve trenches some hundred yards in rear, which we quickly proceeded to do. We discovered ourselves quite close to our old spot, Wieltje.

That night we marched back to the canal bank near La Bryke, where we were attached to the 11th Infantry Brigade for instruction in trench warfare—Nos. 1 and 2 Companies going to the 1st King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, while Nos. 3 and 4 Companies were posted to the 2nd Monmouth Regiment (T.F.). With these Units we moved forward again and occupied the front line trenches astride the Wieltje-St. Julien road, about 300 yards east of where our first attack had started from. We had a quiet day of it, except for constant sniping, and to our great surprise were relieved by the 7th Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders at about 11 p.m. We marched back to our old wood near Vlamertinghe and settled down in bivouacs—but not before the most efficient Quartermaster of the King's Own had ministered to our needs by way of providing an excellent hot meal for all ranks.

Here another draft of Officers joined us, and we were kept moving about every day, until on Wednesday, the 19th May, we were moved to billets at Hospital Farm.

We were most comfortable here, and had for company a Battery of French Heavy Artillery, together with some of their Brigade Staff. The chief subject of conversation at this time was the probability of Italy joining the Allies, and each morning the French "Etat Major" greeted us with "L'Italie marche ! "—which, of course, they ultimately did a few days later. We were issued with the new "smoke helmets" on the 20th.

The only fly in the ointment to disturb our rest was the fact that each night nearly the whole Battalion had to march up to the front of Ypres to dig reserve trenches. Thus, until the early morning of Monday, 24th May—Empire Day, also Whit Monday—when the weary working party returning to rest was nearing Hospital Farm about 3 a.m., a tremendous cannonade got up in front and the sweet sickly smell of gas was wafted on the breeze. Almost simultaneously with their arrival at billets, and before they could turn in, orders for the Battalion to get on the move to support the 10th Infantry Brigade, who were being attacked, were received, and the whole Battalion fell in without delay and marched eastwards. At about 10 o'clock we halted about a mile to the north-west of Ypres, and after an hour proceeded to cross the canal just north of the town, where we occupied the canal bank.

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There had been a very powerful German attack in the salient early in the morning, which had gained a considerable amount of ground in places, and now things seemed to be in a fair mix-up, and the situation was very obscure. At 2 p.m. our orders to re-inforce the front line came along, and we pushed forward to St. Jean, and on debouching from the eastern end of the village we came in for a severe shelling and heavy machine gun fire, losing a number of men before we finally reached the trenches. When we actually got to the front line —which we found to be now in rear of Weiltje, with that village as an advance post, almost isolated—we had the humiliating experience of being unable to find room under cover, as there certainly seemed no shortage of men in this particular section, so two Companies had to withdraw to the reserve lines which we had actually been digging as lately as the previous evening. And here we lay the next two days. On the evening of the 26th we once more marched back to the canal bank, where we attached to the 1st Rifle Brigade for further training in trench warfare routine. We marched with that Battalion up to the front line, one Platoon going to the advance post in Wieltje Village.

There was a Serjeant of the Rifle Brigade who in civilian life drew for *Punch*, and he executed some excellent sketches which amused us very much. The village of Wieltje was full of dead and decaying farm animals, and one of these drawings depicted a sentry with a dead horse on one side and a dead cow on the other. The Serjeant is asking "Which way is the wind to-day?" "Horse," answers the sentry." Then, thank God, we can't be gassed to-day."

We closed the month here, each night being occupied in improving our trenches, putting out barbed wire, and digging communicating trenches to link up Wieltje with our front line system, and generally trying to make life more worth living.

A Working Party of the 7th Battalion on Active Service.

We could hear the huge 42 cm. shells roaring overhead into Ypres, and each day that ill-fated city got more and more pounded.

The last item of interest in May, 1915, was when late on the afternoon of the 31st both our old maxim guns were knocked out by German shells. The Machine Gun Section was really very relieved—particularly as they suffered no casualties in the happening, and since later on the new light Vickers' guns were issued in their place. Our original guns, however, had become old friends. They were the old .45 converted type with high tripods, and had generally become known as "9.2's" owing to their weight.

One of the 7th Battalion Machine Guns in the Front Line in Action against an Enemy Aeroplane.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Wm. Hall
Mrs. Arkwright
Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

WE tender our apologies for our silence during the past few weeks, not because of a lack of news, but our efforts have been made in another direction. After months of hard struggle, miles of weary wandering, the visitation to estate agents, and the premises they have to let or sell, we are about to achieve our object and take over premises at 20, Blandford Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (a few yards from the Stoll Theatre in Westgate Road), for the making of an Old Comrades' Club.

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Agreements are being signed, and it is hoped to have the premises re-decorated, furnished and equipped, as such an institute should be, and ready for opening on or about the 15th June, perhaps a few days earlier.

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The opening of this Club, we hope, will be the preliminary stages to securing what ought to be, and will be, one of the best ex-Serviceman's clubs in the North.

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The objects of the Club are to continue the *esprit-de-corps* of the Old Regiment, to be a means of permitting all who have served it to meet for rational recreation, social intercourse, and the business of Club proprietors.

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Visitors to Newcastle, members of our Sunderland Branch, will be welcomed, and they can rest assured they will all be welcomed.

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The premises are what was known as the Lord Palmerston Hotel, and comprise a large downstairs bar, bar-parlour, yard, beer and wine cellars, and a large concert room and office upstairs.

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We hope, in the very near future, to buy up adjoining property, and thus extend the Club premises.

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A football match between the Depôt Team and the O.C.A. was held on the Garrison ground on the 18th April; result, Depôt Team 7 goals, O.C.A. nil.

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Unfortunately several of our picked team did not turn out and we had to rely upon a scratch team from amongst our Comrades. However, the match provided a heap of fun and achieved another step towards maintaining that close liaison between past and present members of the Regiment.

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St. George's Day greetings were received from the 1st Bn.

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On the 27th April we held our St. George's Day Dinner in the County Hotel, only 85 took part, which can be easily understood with so much unemployment on the Tyneside, and the fact that our membership was considerably reduced this year.

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Our present membership is 120, all of whom are ex-members of the Regiment, with a keen desire to do all they can for the Association, maintain its prestige, and make the Association worthy of the Regiment which it represents.

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The Officials of the Association are as follows:—*Treasurer*, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.; *Assistant Treasurer*, Mr. E. V. Mower; *Chairman*, Mr. C. Mercer; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. H. Brooks; *Secretary*, Mr. D. W. Fisk; *Executive Committee*, Messrs. G. Prophet, S. Ambury, T. Gray, T. Bone.

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When the Club is opened, it will be necessary to allocate various duties other than above such as Finance Committee, Entertainments Committee, etc., etc.

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ST. GEORGE'S DANCE, 1930.

London Area.

Next General Meeting and Dance, Wednesday, 2nd July.

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Will all please note that the Hon. Secretary's address now is:—No. 50, The Fairway, North Wembley, Middlesex.

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Wreath Ceremony at the Cenotaph and St. George's Day Celebrations.

The Parade on the Horse Guards' Parade on Sunday, 20th April, was not as strong as usual owing to its being held this year on Easter Sunday and many members of all ranks being away on holiday. A satisfactory number, however, attended in the circumstances and marched to the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The O.C.A. Flag being carried by a stalwart of the Association and Founder, Mr. A. E. Edwardes; Mr. G. A. Parfitt and W. C. Edgar carrying the wreath, which was suitably inscribed and bound with ribbon of Regimental colours, and was deposited by Major Lord Redesdale.

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Among the Officers who were present were Brig.-Gen. E. Morton, Col. D. Sapte (*Hon. Treasurer*), Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (*President*), Major W. M. Allan, Major F. C. Prickett, Captains J. T. Rowland, J. Laing and J. Kirkland (*Chairman of Committee*).

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After the ceremony, members adjourned to the Headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, which had been placed at our disposal through the kindness of the Commandant, to whom we offer a vote of thanks, and where many old friendships were renewed and eight new members enrolled.

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St. George's Day Celebrations.

The St. George's Day Ball was held at the Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons, the same rendezvous as last year.

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The Hall was most suitably decorated with the Union Jack, St. George's Flag and the O.C.A. Flag, also the honours of the Regiment inscribed by our worthy Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Maydon.

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The sale of red and white roses, which were very much in evidence, was carried out by Mrs. M. Broad, one of a very old Fusilier's family—Monteith.

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Some 350 members and friends were present, among whom were Lord Redesdale and his daughter, Miss Nutford, Col. D. Sapte, Major W. M. Allan, also Mrs. and the Misses Allan, Major F. C. Prickett, Capt. J. T. Rowland, Capt. J. Laing, Capt. J. Kirkland and Lieut. E. J. Halliday; a great gathering, having in view the inclement weather, many had to come from long distances.

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Our dance programme was preceded by the march round the Hall by the whole of the assembly, headed by Boy-Sjt. W. Burr, who is resident at the Duke of York's School—a potential Fifth Fusilier, we hope; he is a son of Mrs. I. Burr, daughter of that splendid type of Fifth Fusilier veteran, Mr. S. McClements. She was born whilst her father was soldiering in Mullingar.

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An excellent and most suitable programme was arranged by the M.C., Mr. W. H. Matthews, featuring many of the old dances of long ago to suit the elder members present. Every credit is due to him for the admirable way in which the arduous duties of M.C. was carried out.

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During the evening spot prizes were won by the following:—(1) Miss Morgan and Mrs. A. E. Edwardes; (2) Mrs. I. Burr and Boy-Sjt. W. Burr; (3) Mr. P. Gale ("Windy") and Mrs. J. Daley. Also a lucky draw was included in the programme, as the result of which one lady and one gentleman (members) were the richer by 10s. each.

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Greetings were received from our President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, who was the guest of the 1st Battalion at York—this is the only thing that would keep him away from our own festivities. *We missed him*, also the O.C.'s 1st and 2nd Battalions Regimental Depôt, Major A. L. Scaife, and the St. George's Society.

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The Orchestra was provided by the 17th/21st Lancers, who rendered some excellent music during the evening. It is regretted that they will not be in England next year, as they are proceeding to Cairo in October.

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We are indeed most fortunate in having such a live wire Committee as was the one chosen to carry out these functions, namely, Chairman, Messrs. P. Maydon, R. Ahronson, J. A. Jeffs, W. H. Matthews—all of whom unstintingly gave their services in order to achieve the main aim of the O.C.A., that of bringing together as many as possible of those of us who had had the honour of soldiering in the Regiment we are all so proud to have belonged to, thereby fostering the splendid *esprit-de-corps* which we have all been taught and have never forgotten. It is most noticeable amongst our young members, some fifty in number, prominent amongst whom is Mr. W. E. Edgar.

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It must not be forgotten that there would have been many more present had it not been that the unemployment scourge is still amongst us, despite the fact that the O.C.A. is doing its utmost to help to solve it.

(By the courtesy of the "Daily Mirror.")

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At the conclusion, Major F. C. Prickett spoke a few well chosen words, mentioning how pleased he was to have been amongst us, and to see that we were keeping the flag flying after he had been abroad for a considerable time.

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All good things come to an end, and our last item was the "Fusiliers' Whisper," led by that ever-young old Fusilier, Geordie Redhead, late R.S.M.

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These notes would not be complete without mentioning the excellent manner in which the catering was carried out by Capt. J. Reeves, who knew the Regiment years ago, and who now knows how to cater for the FIFTH.

H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Secretary.

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Copies of the photos taken at the St. George's Day Dance, by the *Daily Mirror*, can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., price 2s. 6d. each.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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MARRIAGE.

FORBES-WATSON—KIDDELL-MONROE.—At Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, on 21st June, 1930, R. F. Forbes-Watson, 5th Fusiliers, to Lallah Ailsa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kiddell-Monroe, of Nairn, Scotland.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C., to be Adjutant, *vice* Lieut. F. H. Butterfield (dated 12th June); Lieut. F. H. Butterfield is restored to the establishment (dated 12th June).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. J. Clarke to be Captain (dated 21st June).

5th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. J. M. Ogden to be Lieutenant (dated 11th March).

7th Bn.—Capt. R. Trenan, M.B.E., M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers, vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 5th December, 1929); 2nd-Lieut. J. S. Moore to be Lieutenant (dated 18th May).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn.—Capt. G. E. Charlewood, from Active List, to be Captain (dated 21st June).

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Obituary.

The late Bandmaster A. N. Moss.

We regret to announce the death of the late Bandmaster A. N. Moss, at Ulverston, on the 18th June, 1930, at the age of 61.

Mr. Moss will be remembered for his long service with the 1st Battalion in India.

Up to the time of his death he was employed in the Costs Department of Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., and was a prominent member of the Crake Valley Cricket Club, Church Council, Egton Public Seats Committee, and the Furness Order of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

He was a popular violinist, and his genial and kindly personality endeared him to all with whom he came into contact.

To his widow and relatives we extend, on behalf of the Regiment, our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

June, 1930.

THESE notes are written in the midst of a camp where the 1st Battalion is alongside the Territorial Brigade. Any reader who has the endurance to survive such a hectic fortnight will understand their brevity. Any reader who has failed to survive will understand still better. The remainder must rely upon their imaginations, because, in the midst of it, it is impossible to spare the time required to paint an adequate picture. It must suffice to say that few go to bed before midnight, many rise early; the writer does both with unfailing regularity—and this is the sixth day.

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But it is a good camp, and a great opportunity, which is not being missed by any of the five Battalions of Fusiliers, to make the solidarity of the Regiment an accomplished fact. The 1st Battalion is assisting with demonstrations, supplies umpires, and a war-strength Platoon per T.A. Battalion. It is their humble hope that their efforts are useful, because their sole business here is to make themselves as useful as they can. Those who have any instruction to impart do really appreciate the keenness and enthusiasm of the Territorials, and all appreciate their great hospitality. Until the camp is over little more can be said, and a full account of our doings must wait till the 1st Battalion is back in barracks, and the Territorials are scattered to their homes after what everyone hopes is going to be a really successful Regimental Camp.

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Previous to coming to Wathgill, the 1st Battalion did its Company Training at Ripon. The weather was none too good, and often very cold. This was followed by a two days' march to Wathgill, where the Battalion settled down very quickly.

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There is little society news this month, except to say that we heartily welcome Capt. Grimley from the 2nd Battalion; and wish to offer our best congratulations to Mr. Forbes-Watson on his marriage.

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Once more we apologise for the sparseness of these notes. A full account of this Camp will be given next month.

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Whilst at Ripon, an afternoon was spent in holding a Gymkhana. Several events, which were open to all ranks, were held.

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An Obstacle Race, open to Fusiliers, was won by Fus. Farrow, of "Z" (M.G.) Company. The first obstacle was a bun suspended from a string which had to be eaten without using the hands. The competitors then had to take a penny from the bottom of a bowl of water, again without using their hands. They then crawled under a wagon sheet and finished over a greasy table.

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Colonel Herbert very kindly came over from York to judge the next event, the Transport Turn-out and Driving Competition.

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The competition was open to both drivers and grooms of Government and hired horses.

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Fus. Ross won the Regular Drivers' Competition, and Fus. Pattison the Hired Horse Drivers' Class.

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Fus. Wilson, of the M.G. Company, was first in the Government Charger Turn-out, and Fus. Rone in the Hired Charger Class.

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The turn-out of both drivers and grooms was really excellent, and if the driving competition had not counted for the prize, it would have been difficult to separate the competitors.

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The Officers' V.C. Race was won by Mr. Enderby, on *Jumbo*.

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The Pillow-fighting Competition on a pole slung over a pool in the river was won by Fus. Farrow, of the M.G. Company.

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The Inter-Company Wrestling on Horseback resulted in a win for "Y" Company's team, consisting of Sjt. Naylor, Cpl. Stockton, Lce.-Cpl. Charlton and Fus. Adlard. The chief feature of this event was the apparent indifference of the heavy draft horses to everything that was happening either on their backs, round their necks, or under their bellies.

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Cpl. Shields won the Serjeants' and Corporals' Musical Chairs.

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An Open Bare-back Trotting Race was won by Fus. Gatenby. Competitors had to keep their horses at a trot, anyone breaking into a canter having to circle and come in again.

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A Trotting Race, open to Transport personnel, was won by Fus. Barker.

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Our thanks for a very enjoyable and amusing afternoon are due to the men of the Regimental Transport, without whose whole-hearted co-operation the show could not have been run, and also to the long-suffering and surprisingly docile horses and mules.

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Mrs. Garnier very kindly presented the prizes at the end of the day.

Serjeants' Mess.

June, 1930.

Our sojourn at Ripon has at last come to an end, for which very many were sincerely thankful, as it meant a rest, at least for two days, from the lectures of one, Shanghai Joe, who is for ever speaking of his adventures on the places in the Far East, mentioned in our last notes.

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Incidentally, he has not yet given his advice on how to put a puggaree on or how many folds of red there are.

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On the 16th instant a mounted Gymkhana was held, and an event called Musical Chairs was open to the Serjeants and Corporals. At least, the programme said it was Musical Chairs, but it looked as if a circus had been let loose. Some of the riders (Creep in particular) would have put Gordon Richards to shame in the way he handled his mount.

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During the Headquarter's Race, in which the Company Commanders rode 200 yards on horseback, the S.M. ran 100 yards; the C.Q.M.S. ran 50 yards in a sack, and the Company runner 100 yards on a cycle. Creep deliberately refused to run in his sack without wearing his gat, and the S.M. had to help him out by dragging the sack along with Creep inside.

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We left Ripon on the 21st instant, by shanks' ponies, for Wathgill, with a stop at East Witton for the night, 21st/22nd. After leaving East Witton, we came to the hilly part of England and arrived in Wathgill about 12.30 p.m., close on the heels of our 6th Battalion, T.A.

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During the day the remaining three Battalions came into camp, and we were very pleased to see so many old friends.

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For the first time in the history of the Regiment our Territorial Battalions have been in camp with one of the Regular Battalions, and we were very pleased to be able to show them a few demonstrations in tactical exercises.

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Our commentator, Sjt. Denness, has returned from Hythe with visions of a "D"; and Sjts. Ross and Hackett have left us for a Course of Instruction in the Machine Gun at Netheravon.

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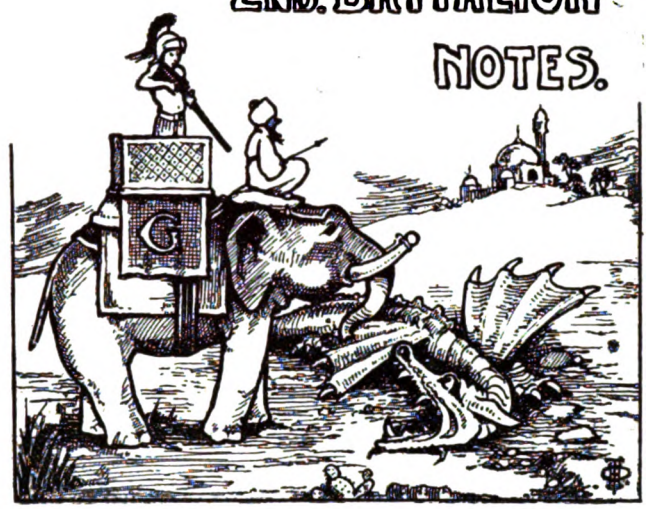
We are sorry to say there is no fishing near at hand, so the would-be anglers have put their hooks away until next year at Ripon.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Lahore,

June, 1930.

ORDERS were received at 9.30 a.m. on 30th April for move of the Battalion from Dagshai to Lahore the same day under active service conditions with a certain amount of extra kit allowed for hot weather on the Plains.

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By 3 p.m., about 80 tons of kit had been packed and stored, and the Battalion had marched off for Kalka, 19 miles distant.

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A very hot and trying march; some forty heat exhaustion cases were treated at Kalka, but everyone came on with the Battalion, and no one was admitted to hospital.

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Of the train journey the least said the better; the Battalion finally arrived at Lahore about 4 p.m. the following day, having had one meal since leaving Kalka.

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A complimentary order was received, expressing the thanks of the Divisional Commander on the manner in which the Battalion had come through an exhausting and trying time.

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We now seem likely to remain in Lahore all the hot weather, with one Company at Dagshai, relieved monthly.

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"A" Company and Signallers left for Dagshai on 26th May.

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In addition to ourselves, reinforcements of two Gurkha Battalions and an additional Indian Battalion are in Lahore, and in face of this, the local agitators have so far thought "discretion is the better part of valour."

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Disturbances have been general throughout India; amongst places where more or less serious riots have occurred, may be mentioned Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lucknow, Peshawar, Sholapur, Rawalpindi, Dacca, Chittagong, Rangoon, etc.

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The Sholapur riots were particularly severe; three Mohammedan police are said to have been burnt alive by the mob, and Martial Law was proclaimed.

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The situation on the Frontier has been very critical, and though distinctly better, is by no means yet settled. Continuous bombing of certain tribes, notably the Mohmands, by the R.A.F., has considerably damped their ardour.

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The risings have been principally confined to the "Bad Hats" in the various towns. The general bulk of the population so far appear to take little interest in Mr. Gandhi or his various "stunts."

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The Mohammedan population has notably held aloof, and the main agitators have been drawn from the Hindus.

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The general progress of events can best be appreciated from the soldier's point of view, at any rate, by the variations of the leave barometer which were roughly as follows:—

1st May.—No leave for anyone anywhere. Everyone to be back in Barracks by 9.30 p.m. Sand-bagged Guard Room, Inlying Picquets, etc., etc. "Set STORMY."

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Middle of May.—Station leave up to 10 days allowed, but everyone to be within 24 hours of their Plain station. This, while appreciably lessening the gloom of our married contingent, failed to arouse any enthusiasm amongst the bachelors, since it ruled out the happy hunting grounds of Kashmir, Kulu Valley; in fact everywhere an enlightened bachelor wanted to go. "CHANGE."

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End of May.—Privilege leave allowed, coupled with the probability of most of us obtaining the normal amount of same. Everyone happy, so the month closes with the barometer "SET FAIR."

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Thanks to periodic rain and dust storms, the month of May has been always bearable, and sometimes delightfully cool, and up to the time of writing mixed tennis at the Club and mixed bathing at the Cantonment baths continues in season.

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Next month we shall have to steel ourselves to seeing the female element disappear, as the poet hath it, "like snow upon the desert's dusky face."

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We must apologise for the brevity of these notes: the temperature is now 113, and there are no sporting events to chronicle.

Sergeants' Mess.

Lahore,

May, 1930.

This month we have to commence our notes by apologising for not mentioning the Serjeants' Mess shoot in last month's notes.

It was a warm afternoon in April when the entire Mess members trooped on to the Range, wondering how many points it was possible to score at such ranges and practices as had been laid down by our W.T.O.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Davis on having attained the highest score and winning the Serjeants' Challenge Cup. Also for proving himself to be the Battalion shot a few days previous.

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Our greatest sympathy to Sjt. Holdsworth on winning the "Wooden spoon." We cannot recommend the drink with which he filled the spoon—it was even worse than castor oil.

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We had taken up our abode with the Royal Scots Fusiliers again in Dagshai. Arrangements had been made towards brightening up the Mess. Committees had been chosen and the messing was taking its first turn towards being termed "IT" on the morning of 30th April, when, at breakfast time, orders were received to pack up at once and return to the Plains.

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With such short notice it looked an impossibility to pack up as we did, and be on parade by 3.30 p.m. ready to march to Kalka, a distance of about nineteen miles (so the milestones read), but those milestones must have been laid by "Tom Pepper" himself.

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A long winding road, round spurs and in re-entrants, always with Dagshai confronting us and never seeming to get any further away; until finally we arrived at Kalka station.

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Since arriving back in Lahore, slight restrictions have been necessary owing to the riots all over the country.

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So far we have not been called upon to assist against the small disturbances in Lahore; and "A" Company, with the Signal Section, have returned to Dagshai.

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Having to be in Barracks by 9.30 p.m. has not disturbed the members of the Mess. Tennis, billiards and Phat have been in great progress, also as Reveille is at 5.30 a.m. it does one good to go to bed soon.

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Our Caterer was seen to be dividing 96 by 7 in the long division method, as he is a first-class candidate perhaps he was quite correct, and we ought not to have made fun of him.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sjt. Stephens on having been presented with another son.

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We are doing well this year, so far for the last five months there has been no less than six children born to members of the Mess.

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Depôt Notes.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
June, 1930.

DURING the past month we have been pleased to receive visits from the following:—Mr. J. A. Sperling, Capt. C. G. Arkwright and Lieut.-Col. W. T. R. Ford.

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2nd-Lieut. D. S. Jackson, 4th Battalion, was attached to the Depôt for training, from 26th May for a fortnight.

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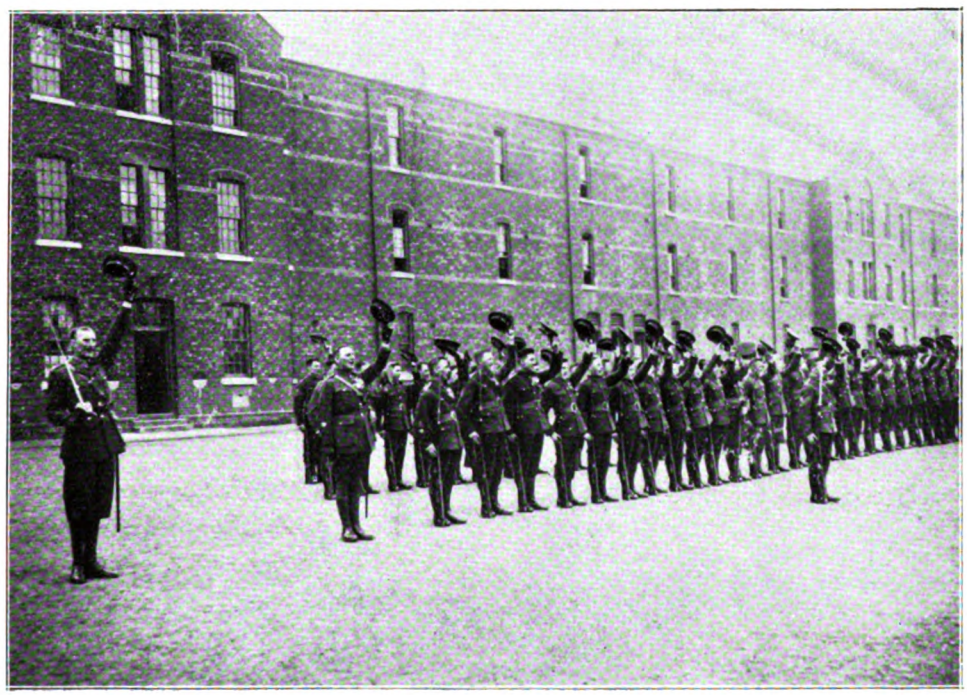
On the 29th May the Training Company gave a Drill Demonstration to the Officer Cadets of the Durham University Contingent, O.T.C. The Cadets afterwards made a tour of inspection of the Depôt.



KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.
(Photo by W. Gosman.)

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The Commanding Officer and Adjutant attended the Regimental Dinner in London.

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Capt. J. O. Byrne, M.C., is now attached to the Depôt pending embarkation to join the 2nd Battalion next Trooping Season.

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The Depôt Staff, except for a few casuals, have now completed their Annual Rifle Course. A Depôt team has also shot off the Prince of Wales' Cup (A.R.A. Competition). Their score shows a slight improvement on last year.

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Almost everyone at the Depôt proceeded on Whitsuntide leave from 6th to 8th June.

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The Depôt celebrated the King's birthday by holding a joint parade with the 68th Regimental Depôt. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday.

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On the 17th June the Commanding Officer inspected the Royal Grammar School Contingent, O.T.C., Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Junior Division). This Contingent is affiliated to the Depôt.

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Owing to the fact that the 1st Battalion are to be in Camp at Wathgill with the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., the Depôt Training Cadre will not be attending this Camp. The Adjutant is again acting as Staff Captain.

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A Course in Police Duties from the Brigade and Regimental Police, of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., was held at the Depôt on the 14th and 15th June. This was attended by 21 students. Instruction was given in Drill, Traffic Signals, Turnout and Police Duties.

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A second Squash Racquet Court, nominally for the use of the Royal Artillery, has just been completed.

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There are now three Squads at the Depôt:—February Squad (strength 25), March Squad (strength 26), April Squad (strength 33), and unsquadded (strength 28). Owing to the 1st Battalion being in Camp the departure of the February Squad has been postponed until 11th July.

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Sjt. Tinney, Royal Corps of Signals, has been attached to the Depôt for the past month, and has been touring the Territorial Battalions in order to give them assistance in signalling instruction.

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We were very pleased indeed to see that our old friend, Councillor Sir Arthur Lambert, M.C., received a Knighthood in the Honours List issued on the King's birthday. In reply to a congratulatory telegram sent to him from All Ranks of the Depôt, we received the following letter:—

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"My wife joins me in most heartily thanking you for the kind message of congratulations upon the honour which His Majesty has graciously accorded to us, and for your good wishes. The pleasure and esteem of our friends have greatly intensified the satisfaction which we feel in this recognition of our efforts on behalf of the community which we love so well.

"(signed) ARTHUR LAMBERT."

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Our Recruit Dances had a successful wind-up, with a Carnival Dance, held on the 13th. Over £60 profit has been realised. Capt. Lindsay, who attended the last Dance, thanked C.S.M. Moon and the N.C.O.'s who had worked so hard to make these Dances such a success, both socially and financially. Special reference was made to Sjt. Jamieson aud Fus. Keiling, who also had worked so untiringly in the refreshment bar. The Dances started very late in the season, otherwise a much greater profit would have been realised.

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Cross-Country running goes on apace, the result of the last one being as follows :—

1, February Squad		194 pts.
2, April Squad	..	197 ,,
3, March Squad	..	354 ,,

Individual placings being as follows :—

1	..	Fus. Forrest
2	..	Fus. Harrison
3	..	Fus. Pennock

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Football has been played regularly and a fair amount of talent has been discovered. The result of the Squad League is as follows :—

1, April "A"; 2, Feb. "A"; 4, Feb. "A" and "B" tied for second place.

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Hockey has been played as apportunities have occurred. It is not as popular, however, as football, consequently little enthusiasm is displayed.

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The monthly room competition resulted in April Squad again being first, with March and the unsquadded second and third respectively.

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The Inter-Squad Boxing was held on the 16th and 17th of June. All the Squads were well advanced in their training, consequently some very keen boxing was seen. The result of the Tournament was :—

1, March Squad	.. .. ..	32 pts.
2, April Squad	.. .. ..	31.5 pts.
3, February Squad	.. ..	31 pts.

These results will show how evenly and keenly the Tournament was contested.

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Owing to the large number of Featherweights, two groups had to be formed in which all the more experienced boxers were in Featherweight "A."

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Feathers "A" gave us some good, skilful fighting, in which Fusiliers Forrest and Gresswell were outstanding. In the final Forrest beat Gresswell by making the most of his reach.

FEBRUARY SQUAD, 1930.

Top row.—Brown, McFarlane, Maddock, Thwaites, Wilkinson, Edminson, Keiling, Sinclair, Jones.
Second row.—Moody, Hine, Gardner, Goodwin, Ridley, Dick, Neal, McBride, Elgey, French.
Seated.—Davis, Russon, Lce.-Sjt. Horlington, C.S.M. Moon, Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C., Lieut. A. C. Collingwood, Lce.-Cpl. H. G. Forrest, Stephenson.
Front row.—Fus. Conway, Fus. Thackray.

(*Photo by W. Gosman*).

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Feathers "B," although of not such high standard, gave us some hard and vigorous fighting.

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Middle-Weights.—In this weight the heaviest at the Depôt, Fus. Casey, was much too good for his opponents. His first fight was stopped in the first round, and in the final he won by a k.o. also in the first round.

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Light-Weights.—Again some good boxing was seen in which Fusiliers Bell and Williams and Brown were conspicuous. Fus.

WINNERS OF WEIGHTS, INTER-SQUAD BOXING, JUNE, 1930.
(*Photo by W. Gosman.*)

Bell was too experienced and strong for his opponents, and won his fights by a good margin.

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Welter-Weights.—This weight was dominated by Fusiliers McFarlane and Fieldhouse, who, as anticipated, met in the final and gave us the last fight, the best of the tournament. Fus. Fieldhouse, a clever boxer, boxes with a long reach, which he used to great advantage, was fighting a stronger though smaller man who thoroughly understood infighting and how to draw his opponent. Clever footwork was predominant throughout, and hard hits were both given and taken. An extra round had to be given, which Fus. Fieldhouse won. Both these boxers should stand a very fair chance of boxing for the Battalion. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Simpson and Mr. Richardson, of the Durham Light Infantry,

MARCH SQUAD—WINNERS OF INTER-SQUAD BOXING, JUNE, 1930.
(*Photo by W. Gosman.*)

for refereeing and judging respectively, and Q.M.S. Instr. Kelly, A.P.T.S., and his staff for the excellent arrangements.

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The new Boxing Ring, which was used for the first time, was a great improvement. The detailed results are given as follows :—

Featherweights "A."

Forrest (Feb. Squad) Ivinson (March Squad)	Forrest	Forrest	Forrest	Forrest	
Thackray (Feb. Squad) Corrigan (March Squad)	Thackray				
Oldfield (April Squad) Vickers (March Squad)	Oldfield	Godfrey			
Godfrey (March Squad) Neal (Feb. Squad)	Godfrey				
Gardner (Feb. Squad) Dale (March Squad)	Dale	Dale	Cresswell		
Jones (Feb. Squad) Dawson (March Squad)	Dawson				
Gresswell (March Squad) Mullen (April Squad)	Gresswell	Gresswell			
Boase (March Squad) Turner (April Squad)	Turner				

Featherweights "B."

Hinton (April Squad) McBride(Feb. Squad)	Hinton	Symonds	Harrison	Harrison	
Wright (April Squad) Symonds (March Squad)	Symonds				
Mathews (April Squad) Pennock (March Squad)	Mathews	Harrison			
Harrison (April Squad) Keiling (Feb. Squad)	Harrison				
Sweeney (April Squad Williams (April Squad)	Williams	Williams	Sheriff		
Palfreeman (April Squad) Smith (March Squad)	Smith				
Sheriff (April Squad) Hove (April Squad)	Sheriff	Sheriff			
Shaw (April Squad) Sinclair (Feb. Squad)	Sinclair				

Lightweights.

Brown (Feb. Squad) McGarry (March Squad)	Brown	Brown	Bell	Bell	
Clarke (April Squad) Blewitt (March Squad)	Clarke				
Donaghie (April Squad) Edminson (Feb. Squad) Stephenson (Feb. Squad)	Donaghie	Donaghie			
Fairweather (April Squad) Conway (March Squad)	Conway	Bell			
King (April Squad) Bell (March Squad)	Bell				
Wilson (April Squad) Elsey (Feb. Squad)	Wilson	Wilson	Williams		
Murray (April Squad) Ward (March Squad)	Ward				
Williams (March Squad) Meddes (March Squad)	Williams	Williams			
Patton (March Squad) Atkinson (March Squad)	Patton				

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Middleweights.

Sewell (March Squad) / Goodison (Feb. Squad) } Sewell
Casey (April Squad) / Moody (Feb. Squad) } Casey
} Casey

Welter-Weights.

Hine (Feb. Squad) / McFarlane (Feb. Squad) } McFarlane
Maddock (Feb. Squad) / Hall (April Squad) } Hall
} McFarlane
Dick (Feb. Squad) / Hudson (April Squad) } Hudson
Ridley (Feb. Squad) / Graham (April Squad) } Graham
} Hudson
} McFarlane
Leighton (April Squad) / Fieldhouse (March Squad) } Fieldhouse
Russon (Feb. Squad) / Rooney (March Squad) } Russon
} Fieldhouse
Cooke (April Squad) / Hill (April Squad) } Cook
Theakstone (April Squad) / Hodgson (April Squad) } Theak-stone
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Extracts from Depôt Orders.

TRANSFERS TO ARMY RESERVE.

7853144 Cpl. S. Gooding 11/6/30.

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POSTINGS.

7254948 Cpl. A. Watson, posted for Tour of Duty, 1/6/30.

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EXTENSION OF TOURS.

4256723 Lce.-Cpl. W. Horlington, Tour extended to 10/4/31.

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EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 28th May, 1930 :—

5567313 Fus. T. H. Blewitt
4267471 Fus. A. W. Cooke
4267373 Fus. G. W. Dale
4267421 Fus. E. Hudson
4267368 Fus. D. McGarry
4267386 Fus. J. P. Patton
4267360 Fus. W. Pennock
4267397 Fus. A. Smith
4267339 Fus. G. Sinclair
4267456 Fus. H. Todd
4267380 Fus. J. J. Carrigan
4267381 Fus. S. Dawson
4267382 Fus. R. Fieldhouse
4267472 Fus. H. Leighton
4267338 Fus. N. MacFarlane
4267410 Fus. J. W. Palfreeman
4267252 Fus. J. Russon
4446022 Fus. A. Swann
4267283 Fus. G. T. Thackeray

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

Walker-on-Tyne,

June, 1930.

THIS month has seen the culmination of our efforts of the last few weeks, and preliminary training of Companies prior to Camp is now complete.

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The Advance Party left Newcastle for Catterick on Wednesday, 18th June, with Major W. H. Leete, D.F.C., T.D., in Command, and we are now looking forward to Sunday, the 22nd, when we hope to join them.

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The Company carry out their Annual Musketry Course at Ponteland, a Week-end Camp being held on 6th and 7th June, and nearly the whole Company fired their classification course under the command of Capt. T. A. Carlile. Our Adjutant, Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., and Lieuts. Rowe, Besley and Stephenson were also present. On this occasion, the Company was visited by the Brigade Commander and the Commanding Officer, who witnessed the firing for some time. It must be placed on record that for the first time within living memory, a tin of bully beef wandered from the Q.M. Stores, but the Q.M. was not to be outdone, and he eventually retrieved his reputation by tracking the missing member to a lair in the corner of one of the huts, from whence it was taken home safely under lock and key.

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On the following Sunday a small party of casuals, Machine Gunners, trained men and recruits brought our numbers still nearer completion.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 584 Other Ranks.

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We congratulate our Second-in-Command, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., on the recent family event, and are pleased to hear that Mrs. Peatfield and daughter are very well.

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The ladies of the Women's Guild held a very successful dance on Whit-Monday, when some 300 spent a happy holiday evening down at Walker.

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Mrs. Tyrrell, the wife of our P.S.S.M., had charge of the arrangements, whilst the M.C.'s were R.S.M. Tyrrell and Sjt. Pringle.

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Honours fall thick and fast upon our Quartermaster, Major Thompson, who was the recipient of the Order of the British Empire in the recent Birthday Honours List. Really, one must get out a permanent "ready-made" biography to be inserted on each of these occasions.

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We all extend our heartiest congratulations to Major Thompson, and hope that there are many more honours in store for him, as no one more deserves them.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

June, 1930.

OUR Headquarter Wing, with our recruits, paid their week-end visit to Gosforth Park on 31st May. Capt. Parmeter was in command, with Mr. Field and Mr. Ouzman, and had a goodly crowd of 130 with them. The quarters allotted were on the usual super-camp scale, and gave the recruits some idea of the benefits they would miss in an ordinary camp. We are much indebted to the Directors of the

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Gosforth Park Company, Ltd., for the loan of accommodation and all facilities for training.

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The Signallers, Drums, Recruits—all put in a deal of useful work.

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Three Rifle Companies held a tactical exercise near Walriche Fell on Sunday, 25th May. The weather was good, and the country excellent for training purposes. A conspicuous part of the programme was the keenness with which all ranks carried out their movements. It must, however, be borne in mind that under actual conditions there would probably be some small job of work to carry out even if the attackers were successful in getting near enough to assault. Running to the point of exhaustion should not be encouraged on these schemes.

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On the 14th and 15th May the Officers carried out a tactical scheme at Wathgill, and endeavoured to grasp the idea of the terrain over which our field training is to be held in camp. The scheme was good and provided a useful and much needed refresher course for toiling citizens.

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We have now arrived at the culminating point of our months of toil and tribulation, and are settled—or as near settled as we shall be until the day we leave—in our camp at Wathgill. We have never before had such a useful site—on the edge of our training area—and its facilities all round for tactical purposes and general instruction are far above the ordinary.

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A pity, however, in many ways, that opportunities for seeing brighter parts of Yorkshire are few, and the expense of seeing the nearest Lido (1/3 return) is rather too much, certainly for the first few days in camp.

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Our football ground is certainly the best and most convenient we have ever had, and it only remains to be seen what the weather will do for us. A demonstration of what a Yorkshire hill storm can be, was given for an hour or two yesterday, and was much admired, for we had thunder, lightning, bright sunshine, a cloud-burst, and two rainbows, all at once.

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Our 1st Battalion are exceedingly kind and patient. The work required from them for ourselves alone is great, and one is oft wondering how the ordinary Regimental routine is accomplished within themselves. We can provide no help for any outsiders in the way of instruction and demonstration, and had even to turn away an *Evening World* photographer.

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The Advance Party, as usual, has been most gallant, and all Ranks appeared to have put up hard manual labour—"Squire fighting as groom," etc.—we forget the rest. Their task has not been an easy one, owing to the long distances from which all stores were brought, but we were much helped by camp fittings already installed, and an active Staff Captain.

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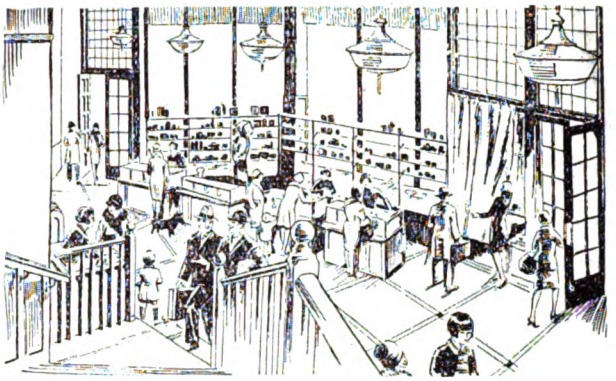
It is too early to say more—caution must be our watchword—until our surroundings are properly in focus.



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7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Wathgill Camp,
Catterick,

24th June, 1930.

CAMP again! Loud and lusty cheers, and prolonged, too, like the left side inside plate.

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The Advance Party, comprising three Officers and twenty-five Other Ranks, arrived at Leyburn early on the 18th June, and part of it promptly proceeded to the Ordnance Depôt, Catterick Camp, to draw stores, while the remainder, with the assistance of our two motor vehicles, commenced unloading the stuff brought from Alnwick.

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The provision of Army motor lorries and a working party greatly expedited the collection of stores from Ordnance—despite the fact that one of the lorries allotted to us was ditched for the greater part of the day—and the result was that the Advanced Party got well ahead of schedule, and when the Battalion marched in on Sunday, the 22nd June, everything was ready for the men to settle down.

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The Officers' Mess is a masterpiece.

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Two store tents, end to end, provide :—(a) Service Department, screened off from (b) the Dining Room, and (c) the Ante Room.

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There is a marvellous iron gutter between the two tents, intended to carry off the superfluous moisture in the event of rain—but, unfortunately, the tents are not of very good quality, and when it does rain the greater part of such moisture finds its way through the canvas before the gutter is reached.

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However, full marks are awarded for the correct solution, as to intention at all events. It was the "information" that is at fault.

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We have provided our own flooring, and it was like a jig-saw puzzle fitting this into its place.

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The Mess is being run more or less on Soviet lines, in that the President of the Committee ought to do a job of work, but doesn't. No. 1 Member buys the drink, and has to sample it well and truly 'ere it is passed for issue. No. 2 Member is a butcher, grocer and dry goods merchant, and in his alpacca coat can be seen counting the blue peas and Rangoon beans, while after a quick change into his little blue smock, he either saws up the beef or chops the chickens into equalised portions.

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The duties of No. 3 Member are sanitation and duty rosters; and No. 4 is a vendor of newspapers; dealer in stationery; florist, and photographer. If these pages are not covered with prints, it's his fault.

The following is our Order of Battle :—

Battalion Headquarters.

C.O.—Lieut.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson.
Second-in-Command—Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D.
Adjutant—Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.
Quartermaster—Lieut. C. J. J. Samwell.
Medical Officer—(1st week) Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.C.
(2nd week) Mr. McDonald.
Transport Officer—Mr. Fawcus.

R.S.M.—J. T. Ratliff.
a/R.Q.M.S.—J. Skelly, M.S.M.
Master Cook—Sjt. E. Cook.
Transport Sjt.—J. B. Dodds, M.M.
Drum-Major—T. W. Bailey.
Bandmaster—R. Lee.
Pioneer Sjt.—J. Dick.
Orderly Room Sjt.—R.Q.M.S. G. Pullan.
Signalling Sjt.—E. Burns.
Officers' Mess Sjt.—T. Mould.

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"A" Company (Headquarters).

O.C.—Major E. H. Watson.
C.S.M.—A. Howey, M.M.
C.Q.M.S.—W. Banks.
Company Strength .. .. 100.
No. 1 Platoon—Sjt. J. Robson.
No. 2 Platoon—Lieut. F. W. Clay.
No. 3 Platoon—Sjt. J. Costello.
No. 4 Platoon—Lieut. W. S. Sanderson.

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"B" Company (Headquarters).

O.C.—Capt. W. C. W. Potts.
C.S.M.—G. Wade.
C.Q.M.S.—J. Luke.
Company Strength 99
No. 5 Platoon—Sjt. R. Redford.
No. 6 Platoon—Sjt. T. Smailes.
No. 7 Platoon—Sjt. M. McFadden.
No. 8 Platoon—Lieut. J. S. Moore.

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"C" Company (Headquarters).

O.C.—Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison.
C.S.M.—J. E. Guy.
C.Q.M.S.—J. B. Welsh.
Company Strength 98
No. 9 Platoon—Lieut. J. F. Simpson.
No. 10 Platoon—Sjt. C. Ross.
No. 11 Platoon—Sjt. W. Gardner,
No. 12 Platoon—Cpl. J. W. Allen.

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"D" (M.G.) Company (Headquarters).

O.C.—Capt. A. J. K. Todd, M.P.
C.S.M.—R. W. O'Connor.
C.Q.M.S.—J. Skelley.
Company Strength 53
No. 13 Platoon—Sjt. T. C. Patterson.
No. 14 Platoon—Lieut. M. Robson.
No. 15 Platoon—2nd-Lieut. A. H. Barber.
No. 16 Platoon—2nd-Lieut. E. B. L. Hart.

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Headquarter Wing.

O.C.—Capt. S. H. Gallon.
C.S.M.—E. Murray.
C.Q.M.S.—L. L. Chicken.
Company Strength 115

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Total strength in Camp—17 Officers, 470 Other Ranks.

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The Battalion commenced to entrain at Berwick at 9.50 a.m., and arrived at Leyburn at 3.30 p.m. The troops were immediately fallen-in, and the Battalion marched the five odd miles to Wathgill Camp, arriving there at 5.45 p.m.

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Our lines are near the far-end of the Camp, and we had an excellent audience on arrival. First we had to pass the 1st Battalion, which had arrived a few hours earlier, and they turned out in good number to watch us pass ; then the 4th and 6th Battalions, the FIFTH lines being beyond ours.

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The result was that our men were on their mettle, and had their tails well in the ascendant position, and marched in exceedingly well, despite "Marching Order" on a hot day, after a five miles march when unaccustomed to this type of exercise.

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A satisfying hot meal was provided within 20 minutes of arriving in Camp, and after this has been "seen off" everyone settled down in very quick time.

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Another of the benefits arising out of our having our own motor lorries (hired, of course) was the most expeditious manner in which kits and stores, etc., were moved from Leyburn Station to Camp. Actually every particle of stuff was in Camp before the men.

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We are glad to welcome Mr. Barber to the Battalion, and hope he will have a very happy time with us.

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It is somewhat hard to get into the habit of thinking as a soldier all the time, of reporting properly, and using all the proper nomenclature, current expressions, etc., and some of us who have our living to make in commerce are inclined to have occasional lapses. Thus, one gentleman was heard to ask the Adjutant if the traveller from Command had been round yet !

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We certainly have had a fair number of "travellers," and one day were honoured with a call from the Factory Inspector, whose chief interest seemed to be in our cooking arrangements.

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However, despite everything, we are now comfortably settled down into a very comfortable Camp, and have hopes of a most successful training—if only the weather keeps up.

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Leyburn, the nearest large village, is five miles away, Richmond seven, and Darlington some twenty miles. Special transport and buses have been organised to get the men into these and other towns. We have our own canteen and coffee bar—both of which are being well patronised, and all together we are pretty well self-contained. But the weather is the greatest factor in making or marring a Camp. So far it has been fairly good to us, although we have had a certain amount of rain, chiefly at nights.

The actual camp is more or less in the middle of the training area, which makes for shorter marches to and fro, and longer hours actually at work—*i.e.* work where Company Commanders (and others) have to use their brains.

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Some complain of this.

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We have seen a good deal of the 1st Battalion, and have a Machine Gun Section and a Platoon from a Rifle Company at war strength attached to us for training.

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We were glad to see Colonel Booth in the Mess the other night, and hope to entertain him to dinner, along with as many of his Officers as can manage to come on one or both of our Guest Nights.

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Last month we promised a full report on the Training Area, etc., but we must beg to be excused for another month. One reason is pressure of other work, which makes the hasty compiling of these notes rather difficult ; but in addition our Member of Parliament Captain has had to dash off to interview his Section Leader, just at the time we had hoped to be able to induce him to preside over a Commission for the purpose of preparing a full and detailed report.

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Next month, then, we trust to chronicle our doings in some detail.

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Our Drums, this year, are looking particularly smart, and it is pleasing to have more than the usual number in Camp. What with the new Tenor Drum, presented last year, the new Bass Drum, and the new Drum Carriages throughout, they are better turned out—and incidentally produce more and better music than ever before.

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The Band, also, under Bandmaster Lee, has made great strides since last year. Before coming to Camp, on Sunday, 8th June, they gave a selection of music in the Column Field, Alnwick. At an interval, two of the working men Governors of the Infirmary took a collection in aid of its funds, which realised quite a useful sum.

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The week-end, 7/8th June, saw the N.C.O.'s of the Battalion assembled at Alnwick for a short Course of Drill, etc.

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On the Sunday morning a turn-out competition was held.

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Prizes were given by Col. Robson for the best turned-out Serjeant, won by Sjt. Wood, of "A" Company ; for the best turned-out Corporal, by Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, won by Cpl. Holborn, of "D" Company ; and by Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison (Adjutant), for the smartest Lance-Corporal, won by Lce.-Cpl. Black, of "A" Company.

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There is a glut of penny stamps on the market, many of which are lacking in gum, so we are informed.

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Close investigation shows that the P.M.C. recently sent out some 70 odd letters, one to every ex-Officer of the Battalion he could trace, enclosing a stamped addressed post-card, asking for a reply, stating whether or not the recipient still desired to remain on the "Mailing List." Up to the time of going to press only some 30 have replied at all. It is alleged that the Postmaster's difficulty in having more penny stamps than he knows how to use all at once has arisen owing to unauthorised persons (to give the benefit of the doubt) removing the stamps in lieu of replying.

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Would readers of these notes kindly sit up and take notice, and reply as early as convenient, if they have not already done so?

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At the same time the Mess President would greatly appreciate a line from any Old Officer who may inadvertently have been omitted from the list.

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We have formed an ex-Officers' Club, and all those joining will be notified of all Battalion functions of interest in the future.

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In all probability our next St. George's Day Dinner will be held at Tilley's, Newcastle, on Saturday, 25th April, 1931; and perhaps once in every five years Newcastle will be chosen as the venue. Other years will likely see us dining at Alnwick, as heretofore.

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We hope to see a large number of our Old Officers in Camp during the middle week-end.

Fifteen Years Ago.

More of the Salient.

The 1st June, 1915, found us absolutely broiling by day, in the front and support trenches in and behind Wieltje, with the 1st Rifle Brigade. The days were very hot, and we had but little shelter of any kind (other than the Platoon occupying the advanced post in the village—which was able to construct shelters out of old doors, bedding, etc., from the ruins), and the best we could do was to rig up waterproof sheets and blankets over the trench to keep the sun off. The nights were equally cold, and the rum ration, issued at "Stand to" in the mornings, was very acceptable.

Whilst here, we were fairly put into the routine of trench warfare. We had all sorts of experiences—patrols, wiring parties, ration parties, and every type of working party imaginable. We got our first real practice with bombs, mostly of the jam tin variety, and saw the first "Mills'" bombs, too. Each morning, at "Stand to," we had to have half-an-hour's "Smoke Helmet Drill," and often wondered if it would not be better to risk the gas than to endure wearing these terrible things. Of course, the first pattern had no nozel for breathing out through, and the result inside was truly awful. Anxious eyes were constantly on the direction of the wind, as all the information we could get pointed to the almost certainty of the Huns renewing their devilish gas attacks at the first opportunity.

On Wednesday, the 2nd June, shortly after dark, we were relieved by the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment of the 6th

THE POST OFFICE AT YPRES.

THE ONLY BUILDING WITH A CHIMNEY STANDING AT THE END OF THE WAR.

Division, who had come up from Armentieres. We listened with wonder to their tales of the peaceful time they had experienced there for some six months, and could not but sympathise with them on leaving such an apparently delightful spot for the Salient. We concentrated as a Battalion on the canal bank and marched back once more to the woods behind Vlamertinghe. Hereabouts we rested, reorganized, and did a fair amount of training—moving on Friday, 4th June, to a small wood on the south side of the Ypres-Poperinghe railway, where we bivouacked until the 10th, when, during the afternoon, we were ordered to pack up and move up to the line. We marched as far as Reninghelst, and then for some reason, "about turned" and retraced our steps.

Next day, however, we moved in real earnest, and proceeded *via* Reninghelst to some huts between Ouderdom and Vlamertinghe, where we rested until dusk. Then we pushed on, and marching by tracks to the north of Ypres, we ultimately came to the reserve line; and two Companies were put into positions in Sanctuary Wood, the other two being further to the left in Zouave Wood. Here we relieved the H.A.C. There was a terrible lot of stray bullets flying about and we suffered a few casualties during the relief. Next morning we were able to take stock of our position, and it was strange indeed to be able to see the front line in two directions, almost diametrically opposed to each other—but such was the Salient. In the front of us was Hooge, to our right rear Hill 60, and to the left rear Verlorenhoek. We got shells from every direction—and plenty of them.

During our stay in these reserve positions we did a lot of working parties—wiring, digging, and filling and carrying sand-bags for the front line. Altogether, we had not a very restful time, and on Monday, the 14th, No. 2 Company was ordered to the front line to relieve the 5th Border Regiment (which had recently joined the 149th Infantry Brigade) in the Hooge defences, followed, next day, by No. 1 Company,

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Prior to the relief, the Officers went up to reconnoitre, and a dreadful place we found it was we had to occupy, with the Germans at one point only 15 yards away. The Germans held the greater part of what remained of the village of Hooge, and the Chateau, while we occupied the stables and outbuildings. The whole position resembled nothing more than a maze with trenches and ditches running here, there and everywhere. In the recent fighting, various elements of trench had changed hands more than once, and some bits were occupied both by ourselves and the Germans, with only "Stops" in them for boundaries. Parts of the line were not connected up with the rest, and to get to these bits one had either to run or preferably crawl, over the open, with the almost certainty of being shot at. There was only one dug-out in the whole of the two Companies' area, plus a few ramshackle shelters. One part of the line, at Bull Farm, was found to be mined, and all ready for exploding, so this sector was vacated and covered by a machine gun post at either flank.

On Wednesday, 16th June, we were to support an attack by the 3rd Division on the Bellewaarde line on our left. Zero hour was at 4.15 a.m., and our first function was to keep up a rapid musketry fire on the enemy trenches for 70 minutes, while the 9th Infantry Brigade made an assault. Later on, if the 9th Brigade attack was an unqualified success, we had to try to advance and capture the Hun position opposite us. A heavy preliminary bombardment of the Bosche line north of Hooge commenced at 3.30 a.m. to prepare for the attack. Our own first Battalion was one of the attacking Battalions, and we could see them advancing in fine style at zero. They took two or three lines of trenches that day, but unfortunately were not able to maintain themselves in all the ground gained owing to open flanks, a lack of ammunition and supports.

For our part, we suffered a lot from retaliation throughout the day. We were not able to take any active part in the attack as the trenches in front of us seemed to be held in strength, and our orders were only to advance should the enemy appear to be weakening. Which they didn't! So we had to sit tight through one of the worst days the Battalion ever experienced, being shelled, sniped, and machine gunned from every angle. Our casualties were heavy—one Officer

SAND-BAGS.

and 12 Other Ranks killed, and three Officers and 53 Other Ranks wounded—about 40% of the fighting strength of the two Companies engaged.

At night the two Companies were relieved by the 6th and 8th D.L.I.; and were lucky to get away just as dawn was breaking. Back to Zouave Wood again till the evening of

THE RUINS OF DICKEBUSCH.

the 18th, when they moved back about a mile to a delightful spot called Maple Copse which, although standing only some 600 or 700 yards from the front line, and such an obvious mark for the German attention, had hardly been touched at all. What time the other two Companies (Nos. 3 and 4) occupied the front line south of Hooge. Quite a pleasant time was spent, particularly by Nos. 1 and 2 Companies in Maple Copse; and they were really sorry to have to move out at night—even though we were alleged to be going back to "Rest" again.

We were relieved by the Worcester Regiment at 1 a.m., on Sunday, 20th June, and moved by Companies to Kruisstraat, where the Battalion concentrated and marched back to bivouac near Dickebusch.

The following day, Monday, the 21st June, we marched southwards at 8.30 a.m., towards Neuve Eglise, and said "Au revoir" for the time being to the Ypres Salient.

After about a seven miles march we came to "Aldershot Camp," just behind Neuve Eglise, and here we were very comfortably quartered in a proper hutted camp—the best we had yet seen in this delightful country.

Hardly had we arrived, however, than we had to fall-in for an inspection by the Corps Commander, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Ferguson (2nd Corps), he being accompanied by Brig.-Gen. H. F. Clifford, D.S.O., of the Suffolks, who had taken over command of the Brigade from General Fielding, the latter having gone to command the Guards Brigade.

He gave us a good pat on the back and told us we were to have a comparative rest in a "cushy" part of the line, after our severe trials and tribulations in front of Ypres. We would find plenty of dug-outs in our new sector, he said, and good, safe trenches, well protected, easily approached and not badly treated by the Huns. There would be ample time for rest and recuperation.

This sounded pleasant indeed, and with the chance of getting into the town of Bailleul, a few miles away—the only properly inhabited town we had seen since landing, where there were real shops, cafes, hotels, and *baths*—life seemed to offer some

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advantage after all! Needless to say, we made ample use of the chances that came our way, and most of the Officers rode into Bailleul from time to time, while a lot of other ranks also got there somehow.

OFF TO BAILLEUL.

LIEUTS. NEVILLE, ROBERTS, MATHER, TURNBULL.

On the night of Tuesday, 22nd June, we marched *via* Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem to the relief of the 5th North Staffords, in trenches D2, 3, 4, and supports, facing Messines.

During this tour in the line, on Friday, 25th June, a mine exploded on our left front, during a brief but intense thunder-storm, and one still wonders if it went off by design of the Huns or through the medium of the lightning. In any case it was short of our parapet, and no attack developed.

One of our nightly tasks was to clear a field of fire to our immediate front by cutting down the long grass, etc., growing in "No Man's Land." Another was the incessant improving of trenches and wiring. Each night we fired off thousands of rounds of S.A.A. through rifles, machine guns and "Rifle batteries," thus giving ourselves another new experience, *viz.*, hearing foul epithets hurled at us in excellent English by our friends the Enemy over the way. The trenches were from 80 to 200 yards apart here, and their voices carried across very well. We could also hear them having concerts, and so on, and on occasion heard a Military Band, apparently marching up a relief.

After a six-days' spell in the line, on Tuesday evening, 28th June, we were relieved by the 5th D.L.I. and marched back and rested at "Aldershot Camp" for four days.

Thus closed the month of June, 1915—in almost perfect peace—nearly as quiet in the line as out of it. The horrors of our first two months on the Continent of Europe were already losing much of their grip, and we soon found how easy it was to settle down to the new conditions—more what we had expected the war to be like from the "Notes from the Front" and other booklets we had been privileged to read before leaving the shores of Old England.

Bombardments? Unknown in this part of the line.

Artillery duels? Well, perhaps there were a few of these, but very tame affairs—a matter of a couple of dozen shells or so might be fired each day, mostly, be it said, by the Germans, as our own guns were rationed to two shells per gun per day, many of which were saved up for a grand splash now and then.

Sniping? If you hoisted a cap or something like that above the parapet, an obliging Hun would put a bullet through it for you, but if you were sensible you were careful to see that your head was not inside it!

Work there was in plenty, improving and repairing the trenches, wiring, carrying up R.E. stores, and the like, but we also found time to cultivate little gardens round the dug-out doors; and in the "supporting points" you could almost imagine you were having a holiday in some forgotten corner of a landscape target.

The war seemed quite a nice sort of affair in these parts—more of a "live and let live" sort of existence than the constant "straffing" we had left behind up at Ypres.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
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June, 1930.

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Regimental Dinner.

THE Annual Dinner was held as usual on the 5th June, that being the day between the Derby and Oaks. The following attended :—

Major Archer, Lieut.-Col. Booth, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Bland, General Buckley, Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, Major Chenevix-Trench, Mr. Crawhall, Major Carroll-Leahy, Capt. Corbett-Singleton, Col. Dashwood, Lieut.-Col. Enderby, Mr. Enderby, Mr. Earle, Mr. Fishbourne, Mr. Flower, Capt. Fenwick, Major Gibbes, Lieut.-Col. Gething, Lieut.-Col. The Hon. N. Gathorne Hardy, Lieut.-Col. Heard, Col. Herbert, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Major Jackson, Col. Kershaw, Mr. Kilgour, Brig.-Gen. Lambton, Lieut.-Col. Leverson, Lieut.-Col. Landen, Brig.-Gen. Morton, Major Montague, Lieut.-Col. O'Brien, Capt. Oakshott, Lieut.-Col. Platt, Capt. Powell, Major Prideaux, Mr. Pringle, Capt. Pease, Col. Sturgess, Brig.-Gen. Sitwell, Col. Sapte, Major St. John, Major Stephen, Capt. Seth-Smith, Col. Somerville, Lieut.-Col. Turner, Major Thornton, Capt. Thomas, Major-Gen. Sir P. Wilkinson, Major Williams, Col. Wild, Brig.-Gen. Yatman.

Letter to the Editor.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,

30th June, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1930, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Major E. G. Finch	2	2	0
Mrs. Bucknall (In Memoriam, 3/5/17)	1	1	0
Mrs. J. F. Riddell	3	3	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lieut.-Col.,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ON Saturday, 21st June, the Club, at 20, Blandford Street, was opened for the first time, to enable members to enrol, and gain an insight to the Club premises.

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A General Meeting was held in the Concert Room; an impromptu concert was held, and to the general satisfaction of all concerned the Club started its career.

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It it to be known as "The Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' Club," and membership restricted to ex-members of the Regiment, and such serving soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, Regimental Depôt, and Staffs of Territorial Battalions who desire to become honorary members on payment of 2s. per annum.

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As intimated in last month's *Gazette*, it has been tastefully decorated, furnished, and has already become the rendezvous of many Old Fusiliers, who had until its inception not joined the O.C.A.

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The attendance on Saturday night, Sunday mid-day, and Sunday evening indicates that before long the premises will not be big enough, and we might have to seek further accommodation adjoining the Club, or elsewhere in the town.

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All present were unanimous in their praise and thanks to those who were responsible for bringing the Club into being, and it is anticipated that next week, being Race Week and a holiday on the Tyneside, we shall see many visitors.

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The official opening took place on Monday, 23rd instant, and was opened by Captain D. S. Lindsay, M.C., Commanding the Regimental Depôt, in the unavoidable absence of Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

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Captain Lindsay commented upon the necessity for a Club in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the excellent start that had been made. He congratulated the Association on its effort, on behalf of all Ranks of the Regiment, and expressed the belief that in the very near future we should require to extend the premises, and ultimately have the best Club of its kind in the North.

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The presence of artistes of the first order, and the rendering of a good entertainment, brought a very successful evening to a close.

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Copies of the Rules, which are being printed, will be distributed in the very near future. It is hoped to enrol as many serving soldiers as possible, particularly those who will ultimately reside in or near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the Club is just as much for their use as it is for Old Comrades.

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Notes on Civil Employment.

By Lieut.-Col. F. K. Hardy, D.S.O.

IN the summer months employment is usually more easily found than in the winter. There is, however, little indication of any improvement at the time of writing (May). Trade generally is undoubtedly bad, and the only form of employment giving reasonable chances now and for some time to come is in the building trade.

Competition for unskilled jobs is extremely fierce, and cases have been brought to my notice where applicants have had to be formed into a queue.

With the employment situation as it is, men are extremely lucky to get a start in civil life at all. Soldiers do not seem to realise that, and I notice a tendency, particularly on the part of senior ranks, to try to make their own conditions with employers. This is a mistake. Employers, before calling for applicants, have decided the work, the hours and the wages. An applicant who tries to persuade the employer to alter his decision is merely wasting his time and energy. The important thing to-day is to get work and to earn a civilian reference. The work may not be congenial, but a recent civilian reference carries much weight and the possessor is in a better position to move into a good job than he was when he first left the Service.

Married soldiers, on leaving the Colours, are faced with the housing problem. Not having had to trouble about these matters during their service, they may not be aware of some of the pitfalls. All over the country houses are being sold on the hire-purchase system. Twenty-five pounds down and the rest in rent at eighteen shillings a week sounds a reasonable proposition. So it is if that is the sum total of the outgoings. Often, however, there are other expenses to be paid, and the prospective buyer should always ascertain if there are any other charges for which he will be liable. I refer to such things as legal charges in connection with the purchase; charges for making or maintaining the roads; the amount of the rates and taxes in the locality; the price of gas and electricity. If these charges are high and have to be added to the hire-purchase rent, the weekly outgoings may easily swamp a man's wage.

Everyone to-day is conversant with the National Health Insurance Scheme, many seem, however, to be unaware of the many additional benefits which the big Insurance Companies provide for a slightly higher weekly payment. Some of these benefits only become available after a definite number of contributions have been paid, so that the soldier wishing to become entitled to them immediately he leaves the Army should commence his payments whilst still serving. The advantages to be gained by such insurance appears so valuable that soldiers would be well advised to obtain particulars from the big Insurance Companies and compare their schemes.

The opportunities for employment offered by the "Married Couple" scheme at Hounslow should be better known. One couple have gone through the training and were able to pick and choose their place. It was not a case of finding work, but deciding which of the many offers to accept.

The reduction of fees for junior ranks should be helpful to many. Soldiers should, however, remember that they must buy tools if they are to follow the trade they learn. To pay for both fees and tools whilst at an A.V.T.C. makes a large hole in weekly pay so that the wise soldier starts saving long before he starts his vocational training.

BLINDED IN WAR!

No man who wears the uniform of any branch of His Majesty's Forces can fail to be sympathetically interested in the way the men blinded in the War are fighting their handicap.

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has, since the early days of the War, undertaken the sole responsibility for the training, settlement and After-Care of these men, and has given a pledge to help them in every possible way for the rest of their lives.

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An appeal is made for each regiment to establish a "St. Dunstan's Fund" which under the charge of a small Committee of an Officer, N.C.O.'s and Men would, by inviting small but regular contributions from all ranks, by organising concerts, sports, &c., in further aid of the Fund, be able to make an annual donation towards St. Dunstan's for their war-blinded comrades.

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INSTITUTED 1904.

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The Secretary,
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Vocational Training.

The Bricklayer.

THE craft of bricklaying is, in the opinion of many, both the oldest and the most important of the Building Trades.

There are probably more brick buildings in England than of any other material, and therefore brickbuilding is more in the public eye than some of the other trades. The "man in the street," seeing much of the bricklayer's work, discusses how many bricks should be laid per day, along with many other highly technical questions which he does not understand.

It is a point of interest that the ancient Egyptians practised the art of laying bricks some 6,000 years ago.

The bricks used in those days were not hard burnt bricks as we know them to-day, but pieces of mud dug from the banks of the Nile and dried in the sun. These bricks were laid in a manner somewhat similar to the present English Bond.

Few people realise the interesting work done by a skilled bricklayer. His craft is more than laying a succession of bricks in a bed of mortar. The bricks must be laid in a concrete bond with the right thickness joint. The construction of walls, door and window openings, foundations, fires, fireplaces, chimneys, etc., are all important parts of the bricklayer's trade.

Perhaps the most highly skilled and best paid branch of the bricklayer's craft is the setting out, cutting and setting of gauged brickwork. This consists of the cutting and rubbing the bricks to definite sizes and shapes to form arches, panel mouldings, cornices, etc. It is to be regretted that many present day bricklayers are not capable of this work, but with the bid revival of beautiful brickwork there is no doubt that the younger generations of bricklayers will study the most interesting side of their craft and become skilled at the work. For this reason the students at the Aldershot Centre are specially trained in this section of the work, and a letter just received from one of the old students gives interesting information.

It says that the writer is working on a contract for 75 houses, and that he will get the job of cutting the gauged arches for these.

This is a feather in his cap, and to get this work shows the standard of work he can turn out is above the average civilian bricklayer.

Drainage is another important part of the bricklayer's work; drains have to be laid with correct fall, joints soundly made and manholes and inspection chambers built by him.

In many parts of the country the bricklayer is responsible for covering roofs with slates and tiles, and therefore must be familiar with the methods of fixing these.

It will be interesting to compare the wages of the present day and the old time bricklayer.

From 1300 to 1500 the wages of the bricklayer rose from 3d. to 1/- per day. At that time the working day was about 12 hours, and the average number of bricks laid in a day was 1,000.

At the present time the bricklayer earns from 10s. to 15s. per day of 8 hours, and is certainly not expected to lay 1,000 bricks.

In the 16th century the length of apprenticeship was nine years; in recent times it has dropped to five, and in some cases three years, but the six months' intensive training at the Vocational Training Centre has been found to give results equal to both.

From the foregoing it will be gathered that the skilled bricklayer of to-day has a very interesting and congenial job, and is something more than a brick-layer.

A First Encounter.

TO emerge from the office of a R.W.A.F.F. outstation, some 320 miles from railhead, and be greeted first thing before morning parade with, "I've some marvellous news," makes one wonder what's gone wrong with the fellow making the statement. However, on enquiring later, it transpired that one of our hunter men had arrived in, bubbling over with information about elephant that were doing much damage at a small bush village called Wulgi, which we eventually found on an ancient map to be situated about 45 miles south of where we were.

An O.C. Troops is able to give what is known as three days' C.O.'s leave to Officers and B.N.C.O.'s, provided they can be spared, and as there were five Europeans with the Company at the time, "Joe" and I arranged to take leave from Thursday to Saturday.

Our "boys," orderlies and carriers, having been sent ahead early on the Wednesday morning, together with a man to lay on bush ponies for us in stages of 15 miles, dawn on the Thursday saw us moving off accompanied by a guide. We soon found this guide was unable to canter for more than 200 yards

at a stretch, so we made him jog on ahead, and followed after him when he was just getting out of sight. Going ahead in this way we came up with the carriers by 1 p.m. at a village, having then done some 30 miles. They informed us we had another 30 to cover, and knowing they couldn't do this in the available time, we contemplated returning in disgust—but this for a moment only.

The village head-man or "sariki," on being asked if he had any news of elephant in the neighbourhood, replied excitedly, and put us on to a place only 15 miles away. Changing our original programme we headed for the spot he indicated, and, on arriving there, found about five huts and one thorn tree, under which latter we proceeded to establish our headquarters. A less likely looking place for anything in the way of big game one could hardly imagine, but almost before we had unpacked our guns for the evening bird shoot, and amidst the usual jabber of natives, someone volunteered the information that there were elephant within half a mile. Guns were quickly swopped for rifles, but the news proved to be a false alarm.

Next morning, starting out at sunrise, we soon found our-

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selves hot on very new tracks, and followed these down flattened-out drives, about 30 yards broad, through the most excellent bush, changing in some places to parkland, and in others to ten foot grass and thorn scrub. This herd we followed for over 20 miles, but did not come up with them, our disappointment being partly compensated for by the interest and novelty of the whole show. For instance, the bush had an atmosphere of complete wildness which is quite uncommon, and to come across a couple of hundred or so of pelicans huddled up on a small river, and then later to find oneself suddenly within 20 yards of a similar number of "spur-wing," was strange in country that all seemed crackling dry.

While having our evening meal and wondering whether or not to have a go after elephant on the morrow, a boy arrived and said he had seen a herd quite near camp at mid-day. He seemed really genuine and keen, so this decided everything; and at 8 a.m. next morning, after two and a half hours' walking, we heard the first trumpeting, and stopped in our tracks—"heart doing 16 annas," as they have it in India.

We tested the wind again, and, leaving the hunters behind,

made a circuitous route in the direction of the general noise that 30 or so of them can make, the detail of which increased the closer we got.

The bush was thick thorn, and our first glimpse was at 150 yards. Here "Joe" went right and I went left, to see what ivory there was, and as the wind was being very fickle our progress was cautious.

Suddenly, I saw two playing behind a thorn hedge, standing up on their hind legs like a turn at a circus, and clashing their tusks together. As they were young and carrying very little ivory, I watched the fun from about 20 yards until they made off, wishing all the time that I had a camera handy.

A "whist" from my orderly drew my attention to some more on my left, making straight in my direction. I withdrew hurriedly, but stopped dead as they got into the same patch of open, as they are quick at spotting any movement. What appeared two enormous Dreadnoughts, escorting a very young calf, passed me within a measured 12 yards. The rear one stopped where the two had been playing, and looked back with trunk up and ears forward—and I moved never an eyelid! He then made after mother and son for the main herd, which I found had been on my right all this time.

Making in this direction, I came straight on to one, carrying fair ivory, standing broadside and offering a brain shot only. I took it with a .404 Jeffreys, at 18 yards, and almost simultaneously there was a shot from "Joe's" direction. Then began an inferno of trumpeting, accompanied by clouds of dust and crashing trees.

My animal swayed perceptibly and then disappeared—down as I thought. When I got there, however, I found him making off, and another going half right. This latter one "Joe" handled roughly and got.

There was no waiting, and after them we went while they were within earshot, and so came up with them less than a mile further on. Here, owing to lack of cover, it was difficult to get nearer than 50 yards, so at this range, and resting my rifle over the orderly's shoulder, I fired at what appeared to be a good tusker and the biggest animal visible. It dropped, and the rest of the herd made off, with the exception of a big and almost tuskless bull, who came out with every sign of giving trouble. He remained there for about ten minutes, having a good look round, then went away. On going up I found a biggish animal measuring 11 feet at the shoulder but carrying thin ivory—not much over the minimum allowed, as it proved.

Almost immediately vultures arrived, followed in half an hour or so by natives appearing like jackals from all directions, who then started the orgy of cutting up, which was not a very savoury spectacle.

News travels quickly when there is elephant meat about, and odd driblets from a radius of about 50 miles kept coming in for the next two days, some only to find they were too late.

Having made all the necessary payments, a start for home was made at 8 a.m. on Sunday, which got us back in time for tennis in the afternoon, both of us thinking that more experience might have meant greater financial profit out of a £10 licence, for the reason that length in ivory is somewhat subservient to thickness. But it was well worth it.

"SECONDED NIGERIA."

A Trip to Victoria Falls.

By Capt. M. White, D.C.M., late 5th Fusiliers.

On board ship.

WE, my wife and myself, sailed from East India Docks for South Africa early on the morning of 24th October, 1929, in the s.s. *Umkusi*, 7,000 tons. The Officers and Stewards were British and the crew were Indians, they seemed to get on very well together. When entering the channel the sea was very rough, and continued so for five days. The pilot could not land at Dover, but had to go on to the Isle of Wight. It took nine days to reach Las Palmas, and thirty days to Capetown. The weather after leaving Las Palmas was warm till we crossed the line, then it got colder till we reached Capetown. We passed very few ships. Las Palmas belongs to Spain; it has a very good harbour, plenty of deep water. There is a good trade in fruit and new potatoes, and large numbers of ships call there. The natives do a good

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trade with the passengers, in silks, laces, etc. They always ask double the price which they expect to get. There were about seventy passengers on the boat and a fair number of them Jews. The food was very good and plenty of it; cabins very comfortable. The senior officers dined with the passengers, and there were the usual games, concerts, etc., to pass the weary time away. Books could be had from a small library daily.

Rail to the Falls about 1,650 miles.

We left Capetown at 4.30 p.m. on 30th November and arrived at the Falls about noon on the 4th December. We travelled first-class and very comfortable. We had what they call a coupée. It is a small compartment reserved for a man and his wife. The food on the train was very good and not expensive. They issue books of tickets for meals; three meals cost 8s. 6d.; drink is dear, a small bottle of beer costing 1s. Your bed, if you have one, costs about 1s. 6d. per night.

We travelled *via* Kimberley and Mafeking, to Bulawayo. Kimberley is a fairly large place, and the home of the diamond industry. It was dark when we arrived, but well lighted by electric light. Mafeking is a small but pleasant place; it played a conspicuous part in the South African War. A line branches off from there to Johannesburg. Bulawayo is in southern Rhodesia. It is a growing town. The houses are nearly all built of stone; the streets are very wide, but clean; it is well provided with hotels and shops. It is an important railway centre, and in time I think will be a very large town.

We left there at 10 p.m. and arrived at the Falls about noon the next day.

Description of the Country Journey.

After leaving Capetown we passed through a lovely part—miles upon miles of grape vines. It is a great wine-making part of the country. Then on to Kimberley, where the country got very mountainous, and it was wonderful to watch the train climbing round and round till it reached the top. After passing Kimberley, the country, as far as the eye could reach, was of bare veldt with a few native kraals. Cattle grazing seemed to be the only industry. From Bulawayo to the Falls, 280 miles, is nearly all bush veldt. Wankie coal-fields is the only important place. The coalfields extend for miles, and the coal is of a very good quality. The mines give employment to a number of whites and a large number of blacks. Then the country on to the Falls is a wild-looking country, and we were told that plenty of wild animals abound.

The Falls.

In describing the Falls one cannot do justice to it. It is one of the great sights of the world, and it still remains as nature made it. The Zambesi river above the Falls is about 1½ miles wide, and is studded with small islands thick with trees and vegetation, and a channel for small motor boats has to be marked out with stakes. It is like an enchanted place one reads about; it divides northern from southern Rhodesia. Livingstone is the first port of call; it stands in a beautiful wooded park and is about three miles from the river. Although being the capital of Northern Rhodesia it is only what one would call a small village. It is the seat of Government, and has a very fine curio shop, and other shops. The dwelling houses are of the bungalow type, standing in their own ground with beautiful gardens.

We join the boat again and go on up the river, tie the boat up to the landing stage of a pretty island which we explored, and then sat down to an excellent lunch. Then further up the river to Khandahar island, where we landed and had tea, returning to the hotel in time for dinner.

The river, where it falls over the edge of the rocks, is about a mile wide, and drops into a chasm 400 feet below. It finds its way through a deep gorge in the rock, where it is crossed half a mile below by a railway bridge—the highest in the world.

In the wet season, when the river is high and a great volume of water is rushing over the lip of the rock, one can hear it ten miles away, and to get near one has to wear oil skins to keep dry. It is simply amazing, one just stands and stares. All round, the trees were in bloom and everything green and beautiful beyond words.

The original bridge has recently been made wider. In addition to trains, motor cars and foot passengers can pass over. The hotel accommodation is excellent, the best I have ever been in, the food is first class, liquor reasonable, the service perfect, all black waiters. Just imagine, 50 years ago those natives' forbears were all warriors under Lo-Bengula, a blood-thirsty chief and a terror to all the other tribes. They can thank the great David Livingstone for destroying the Slave Trade, and putting them on the road to civilisation. I am sure if he could see the results of his teachings and great hardships, he would say his work has borne fruit. I look upon him as one of the greatest men that the world has ever produced. His name will live for all time.

We then returned *via* Bulawayo and Mafeking to Johannesburg. Johannesburg is a beautiful town, grand buildings, everything seems to spell of wealth; the town is situated in the centre of a line of gold mines about 50 miles long. We visited Pretoria, which is a growing and beautiful town and the capital of the Union. The Government officials and servants are housed there, but the Parliament meets and transacts all business in the Parliament House at Capetown. We stayed for a week at Germiston: it is growing rapidly. It is a large and important railway centre.

From Germiston we travelled *via* Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Fourteen Streams, and Kimberley to Capetown.

Capetown.

To my mind it is the most beautiful town in South Africa. It is hot in summer, February being the hottest month. Adderley Street is the principal street. All the streets are wide, clean, and well kept. The town is well served with buses and trams. The shops are smart, windows well dressed, and goods of the latest style and fashion. Hotels are numerous and prices reasonable.

The suburbs are beautiful and the houses are nearly all of the bungalow type and built in their own ground; gardens well kept, everything looking gorgeous. The Mountains form a beautiful background, and the silver sea in front is simply perfect.

The motor drives are the finest in the world, and extend about 120 miles through delightful scenery all by the sea.

There are some very fine buildings, and a good number of

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fine picture and other houses of entertainment. The Government Avenue is a delightful walk, beautiful gardens and giant oaks spreading their huge branches over you. Here you have the Parliament House—a fine building.

Agriculture.

Mealies is the principal grain; wheat is also largely cultivated. Large quantities of all kinds of fruit are grown, and great quantities are exported. Tobacco is quite a big industry. Southern Rhodesia and Northern Transvaal grow large quantities of tobacco, and are making great headway. Cattle raising is a big industry, and a start has been made to export live cattle. Sheep raising is also a big industry, but farmers find it difficult to get a price for their wool that will pay. The old Dutch farmer is a long way behind in the cultivation of his land. He still uses bullocks, and only scratches the ground. The Dutch farmer is lazy, but cheap labour helps him, and the Government also comes to his aid by putting a high duty on imported wheat, which is the better wheat of the two and has to be brought a long distance by sea, where white labour is expensive. The greatest care is not always taken in packing the fruit. The Dutchman, being very "slim," puts the best on top.

Minerals.

South Africa has the greatest mineral wealth of any country in the world. Without the mineral wealth it would be a poor country and the farmer would have to work harder. Only for the heavy rail and Government charges a great many of the poorer mines could be worked and made to pay their way, besides employing a large number of men both white and black. In the northern part of Northern Rhodesia a very large field of copper is being prospected, and great things are expected; if it turns out right it will mean the opening out of both Rhodesias, a large number of people are making their way there to try for employment; a number of mines are working now.

Wages.

The Government has passed a wage board, fixing the rate of wages for all, that being the price for the Labour political party vote. It is causing a lot of unemployment, and may have a disastrous effect. Employers of labour are doing with as few hands as possible. There is no dole.

Natives.

Natives are getting very restless and causing the Government to take notice; they want to be represented in Parliament, and their position improved. There are a few white agitators spurring them on.

Population.

The white population in the Union is mostly Dutch, with a lesser number of British, Jews, and Greeks. The Government has just passed an Aliens Bill, preventing low class foreigners from entering the country.

Work.

Before any Britisher can get employment under the Civil Service he must pass an examination in the Dutch language. The Dutch are pushing the British out in the Police and Railways, also in higher Government positions.

Government.

The present Nationalist Government is purely for the Dutch, and I am afraid is to a great extent responsible for keeping the bad racial feeling alive between British and Dutch. They export nearly all their fruit, etc., to Britain and buy their railway engines and other equipment from Germany, and motor cars from the United States, America.

Cost of Living.

The cost of living is not expensive, as they can grow nearly all they want, food is cheaper than at home, clothing runs about the same as home, books and fancy articles of wear are dearer. Woman's clothing, good class, about home prices.

Taxes.

Rates are light. Income tax is about 1s. in the £ above £600 per year, and rises accordingly.

Hotels and Boarding-houses.

Hotels range from £8 to £15, according to class; one can get quite a good hotel for £10 "all per month." Boarding-house, £6 per month.

House Rent.

House rent is high—£10 per month for a bungalow, say 5 rooms, according to position and locality; of course wages are high; skilled tradesmen about £30 per month, more or less, according to trade. A bricklayer gets 2s. 10d. per hour.

Prosperity.

There are no signs of poverty among either Whites or Blacks. White women and men are all well and smartly dressed. They seem to be very contented with their lot—of course, the beautiful climate is a great asset.

General.

South Africa, although not so bad as most other countries, is feeling the effects of bad times, and work is not plentiful. I should not advise anyone who has to work for his or her living to go out there on the off chance of getting a job, except they have some capital to fall back upon. The coloured and black man is getting very handy, and the white man will have to look out. The Unions do not have any control over them, especially the black. All over South Africa bowling greens are good and plentiful, and the game is keenly followed by both men and women who play well. It is a lovely country to live in if one is retired, especially Capetown, being the first and last port of call, makes it more important and lively, and the delightful sunshine is worth a lot, especially towards good health, which is everything in this life.

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. J. O. Byrne, M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 17th June).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—R. E. Izod (late Cadet, Epsom College Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be Second-Lieutenant (dated 13th June).

5th Bn.—Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., Res. of Off., to be Lieutenant, with seniority, 23rd April, 1927 (21st June).

7th Bn.—A. H. Barber (late Cadet Lce.-Cpl., Durham Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div. O.T.C.) to be Second-Lieutenant (dated 5th July).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,
July, 1930.

"IN no Regiment in the Service are the links between the Regular and Territorial Battalions more firmly forged, or the feeling more friendly, than in the 'Fighting FIFTH.' I, as Colonel, am proud that it should be so."

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These words, spoken by the Colonel of the Regiment, when he inspected the 1st Battalion and the four Battalions of the Northumberland Infantry Brigade, at Wathgill Camp, on the 2nd July, are a fitting opening to these notes, and all of us of the 1st Battalion are very aware of the truth of them. If any "outsider" should doubt this, not that we care one jot or tittle whether he does or not, he should have been with us at Wathgill Camp for the fortnight we were attached to our Territorial Brigade. Proof would have stared him in the face, knocked him flat, encircled him, and stamped on him.

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What surprised us, amongst many surprises, was the enthusiasm of our four Territorial Battalions. They enthused when training; they enthused when playing. We, perhaps a little blasé from many moons of soldiering, were infused with this spirit until we also went "all out" in all we did. It's done us all a power of good, and we cannot but think our friends have also gained.

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But let not people think that training and playing was carried out only to the raucous sounds of words of command, and those sounds of light raillery produced o' nights by the flowing cup. Oh, no! There were bands and drums, masses of bands and drums, massed bands, and drums, and massed bands and massed drums. Those bandsmen and drummers deserve a special tribute. How did they do it?

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Every early morn they marched their Battalions out to the training areas, playing lustily. They continued playing when out there. In due course they played their way back to camp again. In the afternoon they seemed to practise. In the evening they played again. All of them. For fifteen days and fifteen nights they played. We take off our hats to them.

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Both "W" and "Y" Companies supplied two Platoons each—one to work with each Territorial Battalion. "X" Company remained in York as details, but many of their Officers, N.C.O.'s and men were attached to these Platoons to make them up to strength, owing to our weak numbers.

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Our M.G. Company worked with the Territorial M.G. Companies, as did our Signallers, Transport. and in fact the whole Battalion. And everything seemed to go off wonderfully well.

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On the 2nd July, Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, the Colonel of the Regiment, inspected the five Battalions on parade; an event unique in the Regiment's history, and all the more so as the Northumberland Infantry Brigade was under General Wilkinson's Command in the Great War, when he commanded the 50th Division. The following account of the Inspection is reproduced by kind permission of the *Berwick Advertiser*:—

FIVE BATTALIONS OF THE FIFTH ON PARADE.

On Wednesday, 2nd July, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, had the novel experience of inspecting five Battalions—four of whom were under his command as G.O.C. 50th Northumbrian Division (T.A.) in the Great War. In addition to the four Territorial Battalions comprising the 149th Infantry Brigade, there was also on parade the 1st (Regular) Battalion from York. Medals were worn, and the Colours were carried at the head of the Units, which were accompanied by the respective Bands and Drums.

On the arrival of General Wilkinson, who, with his staff was mounted, the assembled troops presented arms, and the Band

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MARCHING PAST THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.
LT.-COL. BOOTH, CAPT. THOMAS (ADJ.), C.S.M. CLARK.

of the 1st Battalion played the General Salute, the Regimental Colours being simultaneously unfurled.

REGIMENTAL TRADITIONS.

Addressing the assembled troops, General Wilkinson recalled that during the past twelve months he had attended the unveiling of two War Memorials. One was a window in the English Church at Amsterdam, unveiled by the Queen of Holland, in memory of the Officers and men of the Northumberland Regiment who lost their lives in the Dutch Wars of Independence between the years 1675 and 1685, and the other was the 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Memorial at Wieltje, near Ypres, which commemorated the losses in the Great War between 1914 and 1918.

"Between those years of 1675 and 1918 are written the traditions of the Regiment to which we are so proud to belong," said General Wilkinson. "These regimental traditions are a priceless heritage, handed down to us through the centuries, and a record of brave deeds nobly done. They are left in our charge for the time being, and it is in our hands whether we add to those glories or whether we tarnish its fame. We must each remember that we are equally responsible.

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LINK WITH REGULARS.

"Whether the Territorials were raised in place of the old Volunteer Battalions, which had given such long service to

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ON THE MARCH! WATHGILL.

their country, the new units had to make good, and many wondered how they would do it. At the beginning of the war it was considered necessary to attach each Territorial Unit to a Regular Unit to show it the conditions of modern warfare.

"The official historian has told us how you received your baptism of fire. You were thrust as a Brigade into the Battle of Ypres after that first gas attack, when the whole battle was disorganised.

"When I took over the Division in August, 1915, I found myself among my own kith and kin, and for over two and a half years we soldiered together. You suffered heavy losses, but you never lost the spirit you showed in the first attack at Ypres, not even during the long drawn out misery of the Somme or the heavy losses you suffered at High Wood or Passchendæle.

"In no Regiment in the Service are the links between the Regular and Territorial Battalions more firmly forged, or the feeling more friendly than in the Fighting FIFTH—the Northumberland Fusiliers. I, as Colonel, am proud that it should be so. The bond between these five Battalions and myself is probably closer than that of any other Colonel in His Majesty's Army."

BERWICK OFFICER HONOURED.

At the conclusion of the Inspection, General Wilkinson presented the Territorial Decoration to Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., Second-in-Command of the 7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers of Berwick.

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An address was given by General Wilkinson, who afterwards took the salute in a march-past near Brigade Headquarters. The column was headed by Colonel Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., and his staff.

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Results of the combined sports, etc., will be found in the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade notes. We played the winners of the 149th Infantry Brigade Football Championship (4th Bn. Fusiliers), and beat them.

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The nights in camp were as busy as the days. Guest night after guest night, and those Messes who by some rare chance had no guest night on some particular evening joined in with any that did. Any looker-on would have marvelled at the energy displayed, and not by youth alone. Aged Captains and youthful Majors, learned Colonels, and even those of higher rank, cast their years behind them and once again performed deeds of energy with voice and muscle, and the climax was reached when the massed "brains" of the camp were collected in one limber, which latter, surrounded by outriders, circuited and bisected the camp at full gallop.

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And so time went, until, at 7.30 a.m. on the morning of the 5th July, the 1st Battalion paraded for its six mile march to Leyburn Station, and the Brigadier, 149th Infantry Brigade (Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.), came to bid us farewell.

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He was kind enough to say we had done well and that he was satisfied, and that the whole camp had been a great success. We thank him, and more than thank him, for the considerate way he treated us throughout the fortnight, and we sincerely hope to be with him again next year.

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We had a wonderful send-off. The whole Brigade lined the road from camp, and the cheers made the grim outlines of Whit Fell and Barden Fell seem softer as we passed. The massed bands and drums of the Brigade kindly played us for the first mile of our journey, and a cavalcade of horsemen, consisting of various Officers of the Brigade, met us half way

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PREPARING MEALS. 1ST BATTALION, WATHGILL.

to Leyburn. A few more cheers and parting greetings, and we were finally, and despondently, alone.

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Yes, a wonderful Camp!

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But we have not finished with camps by any manner of means. No settling down to such mundane pastimes as cricket, and tennis. Nothing like that about us. The pot is still boiling.

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The M.G. Company, under Captain Buckley, left for Wathgill Camp again on the 20th July; this time for a fortnight's machine gun concentration; and "X" Company, under Captain Pemberton, has gone to Strensall to complete its Company training. Sundry Officers, N.C.O.'s and men attend a week's O.T.C. camp at Strensall also on the 28th July; and from 18th August to 20th September we are at Buxton for Battalion and Brigade training. A goodly year's work!

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We heartily congratulate Captain Pemberton on passing into the Staff College. A first-rate effort, which is a fitting end to much work and a fitting beginning to a distinguished career.

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We shall miss him much when he goes.

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We congratulate Sjts. Brown and Babbington on being second in the Worcestershire Cup Competition at Bisley, for Lewis Gun pairs.

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Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Beckwith are on a M.G. Course at Netheravon, and Mr. Sperling is on a Signalling Course at Catterick.

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There was a Regimental Guest Night on the 17th July, when we dined in Mr. Bryant, who has joined us from Oxford University. This was a particularly cheery night, and youth, blended with a little more than youth, got rid of some of its superfluous energy until a late hour, to the detriment of sundry white waistcoats, braces, jackets, trousers, etc.

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There are still one or two black eyes and scratched faces on view.

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Colonel Booth is spending the short break before we go to Buxton, as President of Examination Boards and Commanding Battalions in M.G. schemes at Catterick.

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The Northern Command Sports were held at this latter place on the 10th, 11th and 12th July. The Battalion was 6th out of about 14 entrants in the team competitions. The results will be found elsewhere.

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Drafts of 25 Other Ranks and 24 Other Ranks arrived on the 10th and 19th July, and were posted to "W" and "Y" Companies respectively.

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We were all very glad to see Colonel Herbert in his new rôle of G.S.O.I. Northern Command, during camp at Wathgill.

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Visitors to the Mess during the month include Captain Newstead and Captain Byrne. The former is now working for the Central Electricity Board, and is busy formulating plans for disfiguring the countryside with Eiffel Tower-like cable masts. We wish him success in his new venture.

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Some of us are putting in as much cricket and tennis as possible in the short time available, and all of us are, of course, reading up the various amendments to our manuals preparatory to training at Buxton. We know our manuals; it's the amendments that require more attention.

Northern Command Sports.

The team were not quite as fit as they should have been for these Sports, as specialised training was not possible owing to the demands of Musketry, Company Training, and attachment to our Territorial Brigade.

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The Field events produced generally more talent than in former years, and our teams in the One Mile and Three Mile were decidedly weak.

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Mr. Threlfall ran an excellent race in the Two Mile Relay. He made up a tremendous amount of lost ground and ran into second place.

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Mr. Sperling jumped well, and it was bad luck that he fell out at 5 ft. 3 ins.

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We were disqualified in the 480 Yards Hurdle Race for knocking down hurdles.

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On the whole, the team did well considering some lack of training and having to run on a cinder track which they were unused to.

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Table of Results.

Regiment.	Throwing the Hammer.	Throwing the Javelin.	Throwing the Discus.	Putting the Weight.	Long Jump.	High Jump.	Pole Jump.	480 Yds. Hurdles Relay.	880 Yds. Relay.	3 mile team Race.	2 mile Relay.	440 Yds. Relay.	1 mile Team Race.	1 mile Relay.	Total Points.
1/Middlesex ..	5	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	10	6	--	10	10	10	81
1/Lanc. Fus. ..	1	5	1	–	4	1½	3	5	8	10	10	8	8	8	72½
2/East Surrey	4	3	5	3	–	–	–	–	–	8	6	–	6	–	35
Training Bn., R.C.O.S.	3	1	–	1	1½	–	5	–	4	–	2	4	4	6	31½
Depôt Bn. .. R.C.O.S.	–	–	–	–	3	4	1	–	6	4	4	6	2	–	30
1/North'd. Fus.	2	2	3	2	1½	1½	2	D	2	–	8	–	–	2	26

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Individual Events.

Lieut. Bryant, 3rd Place, 120 Yards Hurdles.
Cpl. Bellwood, 2nd Place, 880 Yards; 3rd Place, 1 Mile.
Lce.-Cpl. Anderson, 3rd Place, Throwing the Discus; 102 ft. 5 in.

Serjeants' Mess.

Once again our Mess is open in York, but few members get the opportunity of using it, owing to Detachments at Strensall and Wathgill.

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It is a pleasure being back in York. Our fortnight with the Territorials in Camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members. Acquaintance was renewed with many past members, ancient and modern.

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Each Mess gave a Smoking Concert in turn. At the 7th Battalion, our Commanding Officer obliged with that famous old song, "Cappy," and all present joined in the chorus lustily.

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On 2nd July, the Mess held a Smoking Concert. Invitations were extended to all Territorial Messes. We had a large attendance and spent an enjoyable evening. Owing to lack of talent in the musical line, our thanks are due to R.S.M. O'Hara and the members of the 6th Bn. Mess, who stepped in the breach and entertained us with sketches and songs, etc., which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. Such a wealth of talent is to be envied.

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One outstanding fact that is interesting to record during our recent camping period is the change of personnel in the M.T. Section, Dunlop Department; For C.Q.M.S.'s substitute W.O.'s. This amendment caused great consternation amongst the said C.Q.M.S.'s. However, an agreeable solution eased the situation, and it was a great sight to see them mounted on Cycles, Mark III. Star. We beg to offer that attention be directed to Section 92 (10) (1), Vol. I., 1926.

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Another one of the staunch supporters of single bliss, who was a rank outsider in the "Matrimonial stakes," surprised all by becoming a Benedict. Our hearty congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs Hitchens, and may they have every prosperity.

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The betting forecast for next year's "Matrimonial stakes" is causing a considerable amount of discussion. At the present time the "Q" Department is favourite at evens, closely followed by C.S.M. of "Y" Coy. On very good authority, "Chick" and "Des" are not starters.

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Sjt. Babington has just returned from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where he spent a month with Sjt. Brown preparing to fire at Bisley for the Worcestershire Cup. One hundred and two pairs entered, and we congratulate both on obtaining 2nd place. We feel sure that they would have won for the Regiment, but for a bit of bad luck in the third practice.

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Sjt. Bellamy and Family left us for civilian life, after serving 21 years with the Regiment. We wish him the best of luck and success. We hope someday to visit him at his hotel and have a REAL pint out of the "YES" barrel.

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Sjts. Hackett and Ross left us for the Machine Gun School, Netheravon. We trust they will get the elusive "D."

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Congratulations to Sjt. Harris on his promotion to Serjeant.

Corporal's Club.

July, 1930.

We have returned from our "wigwams," after spending 9 weeks in them, and find life in barracks a little different.

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Whilst at Wathgill we took part in the Brigade Sports. Our particular competitors were Cpl.'s Bell, Bellwood, Shields, and Scanlon. They did some excellent sprinting.

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Our boxing friend also gave demonstrations of "How to Push Leather."

"Nick" was in great demand. His smiling face could be seen in most of the demonstrations of "How to Attack, Defend, and *Ride Bicycles.*"

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One of our members is at present in hospital, suffering from a finger which was bitten by his horse. It is thought that he was trying to get "something good" straight from the horse's mouth.

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Since leaving barracks in May, several of our members have taken it upon themselves to grow "face-fungus." Some remarkable examples of this can be seen in the Club at any time. The most "pointed" example is owned by one "Topper." This is a very dark affair, which has some "points" in its favour.

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Cpl. Madgin has left us to go on a Vocational Training Course, his particular course being Motor Mechanism. He was observed with his head buried in the "innards" of several lorries during our stay in camp.

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"Taffy" has gone to take up instructing at the Depôt. Our loss, etc.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Cpl. Williams upon his promotion to Corporal.

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Some of our members have left us and gone back to their "wigwams" again. The M.G. Company has gone back to Wathgill for M.G. Concentration.

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Other of our members have departed for Strensall to fire their course, and the "Fold" is lacking in faces.

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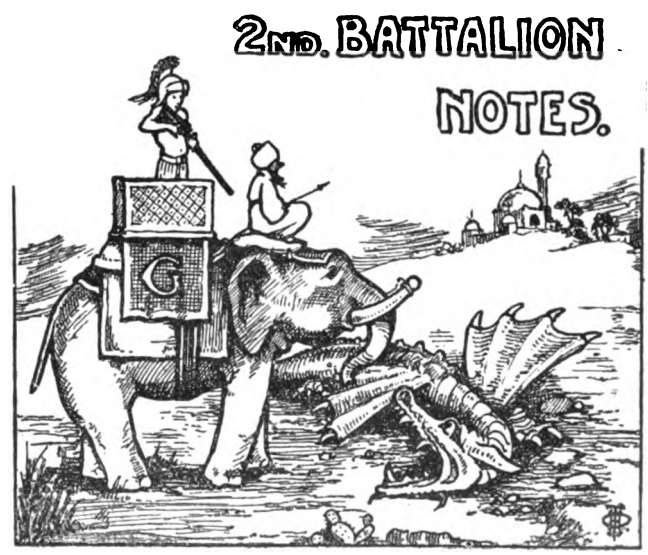
News at the moment is scarce, so the notes must be closed until next month.



Lahore,
27th June, 1930.

I IMAGINE that if the Great Ones of the Army, who live "in the hills, the hollow hills," were asked to say a few words on the chief concerns of the soldier in the hot weather, they would start off by touching delicately on Musketry and

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pass on with considerably more confidence to the delights of Individual Training.

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The soldier himself would possibly be more interested in (a) leave, (b) the thermometer. The outlook on the first continues promising, and the second is behaving better than one has a right to expect in June.

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Since the publication of the last notes each individual Officer has received a pamphlet from the North China Command full of information on Shanghai. It would appear from this that training facilities are more or less non-existent, shooting within reasonable distance is ditto. The compensations are racing, polo, coupled with (I quote from the official text) " An advanced night life for those that like it "—and can afford it, *bien entendu*. The notes end with engaging frankness by hinting that the last state of a unit stationed in Shanghai shall be worse than the first : we hope, however, to be able to compete with this.

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About the middle of the month the monotony of barrack routine was broken for some of us, who took part in a " Coat Trailing " expedition through some disloyal villages in the vicinity. The Brigadier, C.O., one Officer and 16 Fusiliers were accommodated in armoured cars and lorries, while the Adjutant luxuriated in an escorting aeroplane.

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In one village a small force of punitive police were found shut up in their post without food or water and were liberated without incident. It is true that they were promptly shut up again after the departure of the relief force, to be finally rescued by a Company of Gurkhas sent out from cantonments. The lot of the punitive police would not appear to be a happy one in this district.

Who Can't It Be?

A personality in rhyme,
For you to fit a name.
The libel I'll accept as mine,
So you'll accept the blame.

A scorn of every land but one,
Impossible to muzzle.
He'll solve ere you have scarce begun
The weekly cross-word puzzle.

And if you cannot place him still,
Although he writes to China,
I think you'll find his " Nom-de-quill "
Is " Africanan Minor " !

(*Note.*—No prizes offered, nor will the solution appear in our next issue.)

Dagshai Detachment.

20th June, 1930.

A Detachment consisting of " A " Company, the Signallers, and the Weapon Training Cadre, returned to Dagshai on 26th May, owing to the internal situation in Lahore being less acute.

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The Signalling Class and the Cadre have been working at high pressure, owing to the fact that as much work as possible has to be done in the cool, and it has been a refreshing sight to see " Old Bill " attacking sacks with an ardour undiminished by advancing age.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson, Mr. Bradford and Major Baxter attended the Old Etonian Dinner at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, on the fourth of June. The two former Officers stayed at Viceregal Lodge, and one of their bearers caused raised eyebrows by seizing the opportunity to scour his master's linen in the Viceregal bath.

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We were pleased to welcome the Commanding Officer, who arrived to inspect the Detachment on 13th June, and also Brigadier Bannatyne, who paid us a flying visit on the 14th.

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The Diversions of Dagshai at present may be summarised as follows :—

(1) *Putting out Khud Fires.*—The following letter shows how much our efforts in this direction are appreciated :—

No. 3055. DAGSHAI, *14th June*, 1930.

To the Officer Commanding
Det. the 2/5th Fusiliers,
Dagshai.

DEAR SIR,

We pray for favour of your kindly conveying our most hearty and sincere gratitude to all Troops of the worthy Unit serving under your Command for their timely help in extinguishing the fire which took place on the 12th instant in the jungle near the Piggery and the Hendley Institute, Dagshai.

Thanking you in anticipation,
We beg to remain, Sir,
Yours most obediently,
For Messrs. Shaw Brothers,
Managing Director.

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(2) *Dances.*—The first of which, given by " A " Company, was rendered a " Success Fou " by the ingenuity of C.Q.M.S. Ward, who relayed the strains of a gramophone through a wireless set, whence the music was broadcast through the medium of three loud speakers.

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The Serjeants also gave a very successful Whist Drive and Dance on 14th June, which was attended by the whole Station.

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(3) *Football.*—" A " Company's 2nd XI. Platoon League is in full swing, and robust rather than skilful play is the order of the day. The only Officer actually taking part in the League was compelled to proceed on a month's leave, after playing in the first game.

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(4) Karam Din, an Indian conjuror, gave a very good two hours' performance on 17th June. His final trick, where he was bound like Houdini and then proceeded to free himself with a series of shakes, entirely mystified the audience.

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(5) On Friday, 13th June, an extremely severe hailstorm was experienced. At 4.30 p.m., it became nearly dark, and a tremendous wind arose. This was immediately followed by hail, thunder and lightning. Hail stones as big as moth balls were driven along at frightful speed, and the noise on our tin roofs was so terrific that only by shouting at the top of one's voice was it possible to be heard.

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At one time the sky was continuously lit by enormous flashes of forked lightning, while the thunder roared unceasingly. Gardens were practically destroyed, and many windows in Barracks were broken. (M.E.S. please note.)

Serjeants' Mess.

Our Mess is turning quite modern now-a-days. We have stopped playing poki-die, and have taken to the more strenuous game of darts.

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Someone bought a set of darts, and after we had practised on everything in the Mess which a dart would stick into—excepting the caterer and the clock, of course—we thought it about time that we made a name for ourselves, so under the leadership of our dexterous dart throwers, Chips and Tiffy, we wended our way to the Royal Air Force Mess, and, like the gallant knights of old, threw out a challenge. Not one whit

ROYAL AIR FORCE AND 2ND BN.'S SERJEANTS' MESS TENNIS TEAMS.

abashed, our comrades of the ether took up our challenge right merrily, someone shouted the bearer, and the game began.

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Who won? We don't know, but it was a good night out, and they must needs in their turn visit us and give us a real encounter not only at darts, but also at tennis, billiards, yonk and poki-die, so two nights later our opponents landed on our tennis courts—not in aeroplanes—and clad in the same armour as we, prepared to meet us on our own dust heap.

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Photographs were taken, then like "ye warriors of old," the encounter began, the results being as follows :—

Tennis Tournament.

C.S.M. Davis and W.O. Sibbald lost to Sjt. Blake and Sjt. Elms, 5—6 ; C.S.M. Davis and W.O. Sibbald beat Sjt. Higgs and Sjt. Norton, 6—0; C.S.M. Davis and W.O. Sibbald beat Condr. Wray and S./Sjt. Delamere, 6—4. Total, Fus. 17 ; Air Force 10.

R.Q.M.S. Beck and S/Sjt. Darracq lost to C.S.M. Cussins and S/Sjt. Fenton, 2—6 ; R.Q.M.S. Beck and S/Sjt. Darracq lost to Condr. Wray and S/Sjt. Delamere, 2—6. Total, Fusiliers 4 ; Air Force 12.

C.S.M. Curtis and Sjt. Holdsworth beat Sjt. Higgs and Sjt. Norton, 6—2 ; C.S.M. Curtis and Sjt. Holdsworth lost to Sjt. Blake and Sjt. Elms, 3—6 ; C.S.M. Curtis and Sjt. Holdsworth lost to C.S.M. Cussins and S/Sjt. Fenton, 2—3. Total—Fusiliers 11 ; Air Force 11.

Sjt. Chapman and A. N. Other lost to Condr. Wray and S/Sjt. Delamere, 4—6 ; Sjt. Chapman and A. N. Other lost to C.S.M. Cussins and S/Sjt. Fenton, 4—6 ; Sjt. Chapman and A. N. Other lost to Sjt. Elms and Sjt. Blake, 3—6. Total —Fusiliers 11 ; Air Force 18.

Total.—Air Force 51 ; Fusiliers 43.

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Owing to King Sol bidding us good-night, we could not finish the Tournament, otherwise we might have made a better result of these scores.

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Billiard Tournament.

FUSILIERS.		AIR FORCE.	
Sjt. Tulip	100	Sjt. Elms	91
Sjt. Woods	100	C.S.M. Haywood ..	85
Sjt. Bowker	92	S/Sjt. Delamere ..	100
C.S.M. Curtis	90	C.S.M. Cussins	100
W.O. Sibbald	100	S/Sjt. Fenton	74
C.S.M. Davis	80	Condr. Wray	100
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As there are electric lights in the Billiard Room, we can't get the King Sol excuse away a second time, but as we beat them at billiards it isn't required from our point of view.

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At darts, each side entered three teams, of which two of ours won.

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As to winners at poki-die and yonk, it would be very hard to tell, for the evening was drawing to a close. Nuff said !

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Talking about yonk, Neddy got quite upset one night because everyone plays yonk now instead of euchre. Never mind, Ted, we are still debating the question on that difficult subject : "Are kippers really herrings"?

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"C" Company, who are enjoying the detached life at Birdwood Barracks, in Lahore City, have their own Serjeants' Mess, and its members, feeling their feet, had the temerity—or shall we call it audacity—to start chucking their chests and throwing out a challenge to us—their sponsors, at : Three guesses and you wouldn't do it : Swimming. Yes, swimming, mind you, and in clear water too. Who ever heard of such? Had there been a few tons of hops and barley in it, it wouldn't have been so bad, but water is so liable to rust. However, our reputation was at stake, so risk the consequences we must, so armed with towels, bathing suits, and the aid of Sandal's bus, we arrived in Birdwood Barracks, and being introduced to the new swimming bath we prided ourselves that we were once again on the Lido. Who says we haven't been there? In any case, we ducked, we swam, we dived, and cheated, but yet we couldn't win.

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They beat us by 2 yards in the Relay Race.

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They just beat us (only just) in the Pillow Fight.

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They succeeded in getting one more plate than us in diving for plates, and in spite of all our cheating, it is hard to tell whether we won the plunge or not, though R.Q.M.S. Beck, who acted as umpire, insists that we won by 1 yard. But we did definitely win something. By the thickness of two hairs, we won the swimming on the back race. Oh ! yes, the best dressed swimmer—of course we won that ! Bert wore his best girl's swimming costume. With half a dozen barbers around him he would have looked quite sweet.

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After showing the Birdwoodites what we could do (or couldn't do) at swimming, as if the lesson hadn't been properly learnt, they thought they might as well beard us in our own lair, and so down to our back yard they came to complete what to them was only the preliminary round of a crowning defeat, and so to tennis, darts, and the usual necessaries.

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We feel sorry about the tennis, but there you are. It had to be.

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Result of the Tennis.

Sjt. Chapman and C.S.M. Curtis beat Sjt. Hills and Sjt. Fairley, 6—3 ; Sjt. Chapman and C.S.M. Curtis beat A/Sjt. Daniels and L/Sjt. Davies, 6—3 ; Sjt. Chapman and C.S.M. Curtis beat Sjt. Doy and L/Sjt. Noble, 6—2. Total—Napier 18 ; Birdwood 8.

W.O. Sibbald and D/M. Evans beat A/Sjt. Daniels and L/Sjt. Davies, 6—1 ; W.O. Sibbald and D/M. Evans beat Sjt. Doy and L/Sjt. Noble, 6—4 ; W.O. Sibbald and D/M. Evans beat Sjt. Hills and Sjt. Fairley, 6—2. Total—Napier 18 ; Birdwood 7.

R.Q.M.S. Beck and Sjt. Tulip lost to Sjt. Doy and L/Sjt. Noble, 3—6 ; R.Q.M.S. Beck and Sjt. Tulip beat Sjt. Hills and Sjt. Fairley, 6—4 ; R.Q.M.S. Beck and Sjt. Tulip beat A/Sjt. Daniels and L/Sjt. Davies, 6—3. Total—Napier 15 ; Birdwood 13.

Total.—Napier 51 ; Birdwood 28.

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Again we won the best turned out. (Now, then, Danny!)

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This being the land of snakes, and as it is time something of that nature crept in our notes, the following true episode, enacted within the last week or so, will not come amiss. I might add that our worthy schoolmaster, who shines as the "hero," has only recently joined us from Madras way, where India and its inhabitants are of a different type to his present surroundings.

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"Do you ever see many snakes round here ? " asked the schoolmaster.

"Snakes, sir ? " ejaculated our irresistible Bud. "Why, yes, especially after the night before. Why ? Did you have the heebejeebies last night ? "

"No," said the schoolmaster, feeling rather hurt. "I mean a real live snake ; I've just seen one, five feet long, on the school verandah."

"I'll soon fettle him," said Bud, placing his hands on his knees, and squaring his shoulders with a I'll-do-it-or-die kind of look on his face. "Wait till to-morrow, when I get my gun."

Next day, being Thursday, Bud got his gun out of the Guard room and sallied forth to the school. The first thing he saw on the verandah in the thick dust which had accumulated from the recent sand storms, was a deep burrow left presumably by some reptile crawling along that way.

This looked serious and more than a "one man" job, so waylaying the school bearer, he inquired of him if he had seen anything of a snake. "Yes, sahib," said the bearer, "about seventeen to eighteen feet long."

By this time the schoolmaster had arrived on the scene, followed by the Drum Major and the mule trainer. These four brave hearts, like Scotland Yard sleuths, tracked the great snake to a crack in the floor.

"Have your gun ready," said the schoolmaster to Bud, "whilst I heave up the floor." The heaving began. Like four brave men they stood there, expecting to be bitten to death at any minute. Suddenly the Drum-Major shouted : "There it is!" at the same time prodding the mule trainer behind with a piece of twig. At that, the mule trainer suddenly remembered an urgent appointment, and he straightway made a dash for the door. The schoolmaster gave a final heave, up came a slab of floor, and there, sitting up, looking along Bud's double barrel, was a nine INCH half-starved snake, literally begging for mercy. In any case, whoever expects to find a real healthy snake in a schoolroom ? However, that ends our experience of snakes for the time being, and likewise these notes till next month.

"DEM."

Depôt Notes.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

July, 1930.

MR. C. A. ATKINSON and Mr. G. H. Foss (Supplementary Reserve of Officers) have been attached to the Depôt for training during the month.

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Lce.-Cpl. Jauncy and Dmr. Hemmings, of the 1st Battalion, were attached to the Depôt for the period of the Assizes.

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Mr. Collingwood has been indulging in a month's leave at Le Mont Dore, and Mr. Clarke has managed to snatch a fortnight's leave from his arduous duties as Training Cadre Officer. Capt. Byrne, after paying us a brief visit of a month's duration, has left us again, having proceeded on leave for a couple of months.

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On the 18th July, a party consisting of the Commanding Officer, Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C., and the R.S.M., paid an official visit to our old home at Berwick, now occupied by the Depôt of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

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Once again the Depôt are to furnish the Staff of a Battalion at the O.T.C. (Junior Division) Camp at Strensall, which this year is to be held from 28th July to 6th August.

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On the 23rd July we received official visits from Brig. W. P. H. Hill, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Brigadier i/c Administration, Northern Command), and from Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.

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The Sub-Editor having been absent (at Wathgill Camp) for three weeks, is indebted to the Training Company for the following notes.

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Company Sports.

Early in July, having four Squads at The Depôt, it was

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considered a splendid opportunity to hold an Inter-Squad Athletic Meeting, the four Squads competing being as follows :— February Squad (19th week of training), March Squad (18th week of training), April Squad (13th week of training), June Squad (1st week of training).

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All field and track events, including Tug-of-War, counted towards Squad Championship, and were run on the relay system. Various events not counting towards the Championship were open for the Depôt Staff.

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All events were keenly contested, and some excellent running and jumping was witnessed, the final placing of the Squads being as follows :—

1,	March Squad (winners of Shield) ..	27 pts.
2,	February Squad	26 pts.
3,	April Squad	23 pts.
4,	June Squad	14 pts.

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June Squad, although last, must be congratulated on the good show they put up, the oldest man competing had four weeks' service.

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The Married Families were entertained to tea, and a special tea was arranged in the dining hall for the recruits, which was, needless to say, very much appreciated. During the tea interval the Gymnastic Staff, under Q.M.S.I. Kelly, gave a very fine gymnastic display.

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Detailed results of the various events are tabulated below :—

100 *Yards.*—1, Feb. Squad (Team—Davis, Goodwin, Dick, Cpl. Reid) ; 2, March Squad (Team—Sjt. Lynch, Gresswell, Godfrey, Pennock) ; 3, April Squad (Team—Hudson, King. Casey, Mathews) ; 4, June Squad (Team—Owens, Oswell. Batey, Ritchie).

220 *Yards.*—1, March Squad (Team, Sjt. Lynch, Godfrey, Pennock, Gresswell) ; 2, April Squad (Team—King, Hudson, Clarke, Hinton) ; 3, Feb. Squad (Team—McFarlane, Edminson, Dick, Russon) ; 4, June Squad (Team—Lynam, Flanagan, Parker, Chapman).

440 *Yards.*—1, April Squad (Team—Lce.-Cpl. Lawson, Wilson, Hinton, Murray) ; 2, Feb. Squad (Team—Sinclair, Cpl. Reid, Forrest, Elsey); 3, March Squad (Team—Ward, Wilson, Smith, Atkinson) ; 4, June Squad (Team—Owens, Wall, Bell, Ritchie).

880 *Yards.*—1, April Squad (Team—Lce.-Cpl. Lawson, Wilson, Casey, Harrison) ; 2, Feb. Squad (Team—Forrest, Conway, Gardner, Keiling) ; 3, June Squad (Team—Lynam, Flanagan, Oswell, Chapman) ; 4, March Squad (Team—Dale, Ward, Smith, Adams).

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, March Squad (Team—Cpl. Luke, Fieldhouse, Ward, Blewitt) ; 2, Feb. Squad (Team—Moody, Elsey Conway, Brown) ; 3, April Squad (Team—Hird, Sheriff, Howe, Leighton) ; 4, June Squad (Team—Scott, Maddison, Wall, Green).

Long Jump.—1, March Squad (Team—Sewell, 18ft. 9in. ; Rooney, 17ft. 6in.) ; 2, Feb. Squad (Team—Goodwin, 18ft. 1in. ; Davis, 17ft. 8in.) ; 3, June Squad (Team—Maddison, Trotter) ; 4, April Squad (Team—Cooke, Sheriffe).

High Jump.—1, March Squad (Team—Cpl. Luke, 5ft. ; Rooney, 4ft. 6in.) ; 2, Feb. Squad (Team—Maddock, 4ft. 6in. ; Gardner, 4ft. 4in.) ; 3, April Squad (Team—Hird, 4ft. 4in. ; Mathews, 4ft. 4in.) ; 4, June Squad (Team—Scott, Trotter).

Tug-of-War.—1, Feb. Squad ; 2, April Squad ; 3, June Squad ; 4, March Squad.

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Events not counting towards Squad Championship :—

One Mile.—1, Fus. Hatton ; 2, Fus. Casey ; 3, Fus. Vasey.

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Obstacle Race.—1, Fus. Forrest ; 2, Fus. Carradice ; 3, Fus. Allison.

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Wheelbarrow Race.—Winning pair, Fuslrs. Forrest and Dick.
Three-legged Race.—Winning pair, Fuslrs. Sheriff and Howe.

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Families' Races :—

Thread-the-Needle.—1, Mrs. Spencer ; 2, Mrs. Lee ; 3, Mrs. Greaves.

30 *Yards Sprint.*—1, Mrs. Gray ; 2, Mrs. Reid ; 3, Mrs. Spencer.

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Children's Races :—

Egg-and-Spoon Race.—1, Eleanor Hitchin ; 2, Doreen Spencer.
Class "A" start for age.—1, Robert Lawless ; 2, Lily Fennimore.
Class "B" start for age.—1, Robert Smith ; 2, Johnnie Moon ; 3, Lorna Ingham.

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A special prize was given by the Depôt Shoemaker, Mr. Minikin, to the individual who, in the opinion of the judges, had ran the pluckiest race. This was awarded to Fus. Dale for his fine effort in the 880 Yards.

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Capt. Lindsay, when presenting the prizes, thanked all who

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LONG JUMP. COMPANY SPORTS.

had worked to make the meeting such a splendid success, particularly the recruits who had ran and jumped with great keenness and enthusiasm.

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Our room competition for June was won again by Sjt. Chislett with April Squad, Sjt. Lynch with March Squad being runner-up. April Squad have won this competition every month since its inception, and are to be congratulated.

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Cross Country Running has taken place on most Mondays, the results being as follows :—

June 23rd.	1, April Squad	137	pts.
	2, March Squad	267	,,
July 7th.	1, Feb. Squad	162	,,
	2, April Squad	266	,,

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The Management of different places of amusement in Newcastle have very kindly invited the recruits to their theatres. On Monday, 7th July, 100 recruits visited the Hippodrome Theatre ; and again on the 9th, 10th and 11th July, 20 recruits visited the Theatre Royal, to see the Military Comedy drama, "The Fifteenth Night." We thank the Managers for their very thoughtful act, and hope it will be continued.

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During the month we have lost two Squads—February, who joined the Battalion on the 10th, and March, who joined on the 18th. Both Squads have done well while at the Depôt, and we wish them a happy tour with the Battalion. June Squad commenced training on the 7th, and, together with April Squad, are all we have at the Depôt. The last-named are due to join the Battalion on 14th August.

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Recruiting.

Enlistments from 1/4/1930 to 12/7/30 :—

Attested, 37 (Newcastle 13, Durham 14, Middlesborough 7, Liverpool 1, Bishop Aukland 1, Pontefract 1).

Employments on Enlistment :—Miners 14, Glass worker 1, Plater 1, Baker 1, Sawyer 1, Labourers 15, Erector 1, Heater 1, Moulder 1, Horse Driver 1. Total 37.

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Extracts from Depot Orders.

EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 20/6/30 :—

4267372 Fus. A. Atkinson	4267331 Fus. R. Brown
4267391 Fus. J. Boase	4267457 Fus. H. Clarke
4267292 Fus. J. Elsey	4267307 Fus. R. Edminson
4267272 Fus. R. Gardner	4267420 Fus. J. Graham
4267401 Fus. J. Hill	4267414 Fus. H. Hodgson
4447590 Fus. G. Jones	4267412 Fus. D. Mathews
4267480 Fus. J. Murray	4267377 Fus. B. Williams
4267473 Fus. T. Wilson	

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS.

No. 4257414 Sjt. J. T. Greaves.—Re-engaged to complete 21 years with the Colours, (1/7/30.)

149th Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
149th Northumberland Infantry Brigade, T.A.,
Drill Hall,
Hutton Terrace,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
July, 1930.

Inspections and Visits.

WHILST encamped at Wathgill we were inspected by, or received official visits from, the following :—Lt.-General Sir Reginald B. Stephens, K.C.B., C.M.G. (Director-General of the Territorial Army), Lt.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command), Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Colonel of the Regiment), Major-General H. W. Newcombe, C.B., C.M.G., D S O. (Commander 50th (Northumbrian) Division), Brigadier W. P. H. Hill, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Brigadier i/c Administration, Northern Command), Colonel W. N. Herbert,

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C.M.G., D.S.O. (G.S.O. Northern Command), Colonel H. W. P. Stokes, C.B.E., D.S.O. (A.D. of S. and T., Northern Command),

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WATHGILL, 1930. THE COMMANDING OFFICERS.

Left to Right.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. (6th Bn.); Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. (4th Bn.); Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. (Brigade Commander); Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Bt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L. (5th Bn.); Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O. (1st Bn.); Lt.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson (7th Bn.).

Lt.-Colonel H. A. Cape, D.S.O. (D.A.D. of R., Northern Command), Colonel F. S. Irvine, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B. (D.D.M.S., Northern Command), Major V. A. H. Daly, M.C., Major H. S. Pinder, M.C., Bt.-Major E. C. Bedwell, M.C. (50th Divisional Staff), Colonel J. M. Gover, D.S.O., T.D., M.B. (A.D.M.S. 50th Division), Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, O.B.E., T.D. (Senior Chaplain, 50th Division), Major-General W. M. St. G. Kirke, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commander, 5th Division), Lt.-Colonel The Viscount Allendale, M.C., D.L., Colonel E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., Colonel E. Robinson, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Lt.-Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., Lt.-Colonel F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G. (representing T.A. Association of the County of Northumberland), and Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (O.C. Regimental Depôt).

Attendance at Camp.

The strengths of Battalions of the Brigade (T.A. personnel only) at Camp were as follows :—

Bn.	Estabmt.	Actual Strength.	No. at Camp.	% of Est. at Camp.	% of Strength at Camp.
4th Bn. ..	20/584	18/552	15/463	79.1	83.9
5th Bn. ..	..	18/584	15/491	83.8	84.1
6th Bn. ..	..	20/536	18/451	77.7	84.4
7th Bn. ..	..	20/551	17/460	79.0	83.5

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The following Units were also in Camp :—72nd Field Brigade, R.A. (Lt.-Col. W. E. Walker, T.D.), 17 Officers, 342 Other Ranks; 1st Bn. The North'd. Fusiliers (Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.), 17 Officers, 338 Other Ranks; 149th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. (Lt.-Col. R. Errington, M.C., T.D.), 5 Officers, 126 Other Ranks.

Brigade Cross Country.

The Brigade Cross Country Run, for the Cup presented by Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., in 1920, took place as usual after Church Parade on the second Sunday in Camp. The four Battalions of the Brigade competed. The course laid over a varied country, included numerous obstacles, mostly stone walls, and was about three and a half miles in length. From the point of view of the spectators, it was quite the best course that had been selected for many years, as the high ground immediately above the camp, where incidentally, the run both started and finished, made an excellent natural grandstand from which it was possible to witness at least two-thirds of the race.

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The race was once again won by Sjt. Fife of the 6th Battalion, but the 4th Battalion were successful in defeating the 6th Battalion (the holders) by the comfortable margin of 166 points. We append the results :—

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	Bde. Sports Trophy Pts.
*1, 4th Battalion (1090 pts.)	20
2, 6th Battalion (924 pts.)	15
3, 7th Battalion (699 pts.)	10
4, 5th Battalion (527 pts.)	5

* Winners of Cup presented by Mrs. W. Anderson.

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Individuals :—

Sjt. Fife, 6th Bn. (Medal) Presented by Lady Wilkinson at the conclusion of the Brigade Sports.

Fus. Finland, 4th Bn. (Medal).

Fus. Storie, 4th Bn. (Medal).

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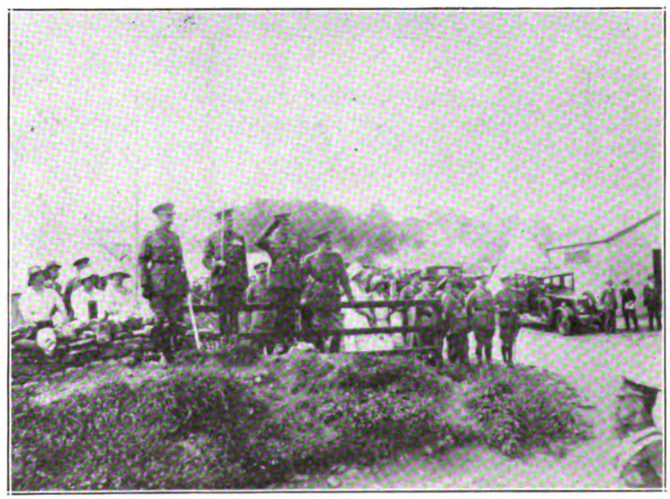
Our thanks are due to Maj. H. O. Sutherland, Mr. M. C. Speer, Mr. C. R. M. Threlfall and the Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion who so kindly carried out all the arrangements in connection with this annual event.



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WATHGILL, 1930. THE MARCH PAST.

Left to Right.—Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.; Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

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Brigade Football.

Following the usual custom, the competition for the Brigade Football League Cup was played off during camp, and the final, played on Tuesday, 1st July, resulted in a win for the 4th Battalion by 3 goals to 1 goal after an excellent game with the 7th Battalion. We append the results :—

1st Round—4th Battalion beat 6th Battalion (5 goals to 1 goal).
7th Battalion beat 5th Battalion (3 goals to 1 goal).

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Brigade Sports Trophy Points.

4th Battalion, 20 (*Winner of Cup*) ; 7th Battalion, 10 ; 5th Battalion, 5 ; 6th Battalion, 5.

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The 1st Battalion did not participate in this competition, but on account of the friendly games which they played when in camp will be found in the 1st Battalion's Notes of this month's issue of the *Gazette*. The Cup and Bronze Medals were presented

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WATHGILL, 1930. THE INSPECTION.

Left to Right.—Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. ; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. ; Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.

to the 4th Battalion Team by Lady Wilkinson at the conclusion of the Brigade Sports.

Brigade Sports.

The Brigade Sports, which were held on the afternoon of 2nd July, drew quite a large number of spectators, and included many of the visitors who had arrived earlier in the day to witness the Brigade Parade. We were extremely fortunate in having a really gloriously fine afternoon and a track, though if a little on the short side, exceptionally free from "potholes."

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As we are confident that the far abler pens of the sub-editors of the five Battalions in Camp will probably deal with the subject in some detail—*e.g.*, names of competitors in teams, how they won, or why they lost it, etc.—we propose to content ourselves with merely publishing a copy of the programme, the results, and a list of the officials. Incidentally, some of the data required for this purpose may not be at the disposal of other sub-editors, and we hope therefore that this "consolidated" account may be acceptable to our readers. Also it should be explained that as the 1st Battalion were competing it was necessary to keep two separate scores, one for what may be termed the "Five Battalion Contest" and one for the four Territorial Battalions who were competing for the Brigade Sports (Boxing, Cross-Country, Football, Sports, Tug-of-War) Trophy.

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Programme.

1.	100 Yards Relay Race (4 at 100 Yards)	2.30 p.m.
2.	880 Yards Team Race	2.40 p.m.
3.	Tug-of-War. Semi-Final. 4TH BN. *versus* 5TH BN. 6TH BN. *versus* 7TH BN.	2.50 p.m.
4.	1 Mile Team Race.	3.05 p.m.
5.	440 Yards Relay Race (4 at 440 Yards)	3.20 p.m.
6	Tug-of-War Final	3 25 p m
7	880 Yards Individual Open Race.	3.35 p.m.
8.	Medley Relay Race	3.45 p.m.
9.	Message Relay Race	4.00 p.m.
10.	Transport Turn-out	4.15 p.m.
	Prize-Giving.	
	GOD SAVE THE KING.	

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Score Sheet, "Five Battalion Contest" :—

Event.	100 Yds.	880 Yds.	Mile.	440 yds.	Medley	Total.	Place	Bde. Sports. Place	Trophy. Points
1st Bn.	5	5	5	5	5	25	1st	—	—
4th Bn.	2½	3	3	3	3	14½	3rd	2nd	15
5th Bn.	5	1	2	1	2	7	5th	4th	5
6th Bn.	4	4	4	4	4	20	2nd	1st	20
7th Bn.	2½	2	1	2	–	7½	4th	3rd	10

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The four runners in the 880 Yards Open Individual Race all received prizes. Result :—1, Sjt. Hull (72nd Field Bde. R.A., T.A.) ; 2, Mr. Pay (Y.M.C.A.) ; 3, Mr. Wilson (Y.M.C.A.) ; 4, Mr. Hutchinson (Y.M.C.A.).

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The Message Relay Race, which afforded much amusement, was won by the 7th Battalion. No times were recorded, and the 1st Battalion were permitted to run in "spikes," as they were not competing for prizes and were trying out their runners preparatory to the Northern Command Sports.

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The officials were as follows :—

Referee—The Brigade Commander.
Chief Judge.—Major G. F. Bell (6th Bn.).
Judges.—Major A. B. Hare, M.C. (4th Bn.), Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C. (att. 5th Bn.), and Major E. H. Watson (7th Bn)..
Starter.—Lieut. C. R. M. Threlfall (1st Bn.).
Recorders.—C.S.M. Scott and C.Q.M.S. Irwin (1st Bn.).
Chief Whip and Hon. Secretary.—Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt (Depôt).

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Our thanks are due to the Officials for their hard work in connection with the Sports, and also to the Pioneers of the 1st Battalion, under Sjt. Hick, who were of the greatest assistance in preparing the track, etc., in the somewhat limited time available between the conclusion of the Brigade Parade and the commencement of the Sports.

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We would also like to congratulate the team captains, Mr. J. R. Fishbourne (1st Bn.), Captain J. Clark (4th Bn.), Capt.

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WATHGILL, 1930. THE BRIGADE SPORTS.

Left to Right.—The Colonel of the Regiment assisting Lady Wilkinson to present the Brigade Sports Trophy to Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.

B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C. (att. 5th Bn.), Mr. A. H. M. Field (6th Bn.), and Mr. J. S. Moore (7th Bn.), on the success of their efforts, without which the Sports Meeting could not possibly have proved to be the undoubted success that it was.

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At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes (Winning teams, Silver Medals; 2nd teams, Bronze Medals) were presented by Lady Wilkinson.

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Brigade Tug-of-War.

The Brigade Tug-of-War (Catch-Weight) took place at the Brigade Sports, and resulted as follows :—

Semi-Final.—4th Bn. beat 5th Bn.; 7th Bn. beat 6th Bn.

Final.—4th Bn. beat 7th Bn.

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Brigade Sports Trophy Points.

4th Bn. 10 (winners, Bronze Medals); 7th Bn., 6; 5th Bn., 2; 6th Bn., 2.

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Brigade Sports Trophy.

The Brigade Sports Trophy was won by the 4th Battalion, the holders being the 6th Battalion, who were awarded the Trophy in 1929, as winners of the Brigade Sports.

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The following table shows the points gained by Battalions toward the Brigade Sports Trophy for the year ending 6th July, 1930 :—

Unit.	Boxing.	Cross Country.	Foot-ball.	Tug-of-War.	Sports.	Total.	Place.
4th Bn.	15	20	20	10	15	80	1st
5th Bn.	10	5	5	2	5	27	4th
6th Bn.	20	15	5	2	20	62	2nd
7th Bn.	0	10	10	6	10	36	3rd

As the conditions under which the Brigade Sports Trophy is awarded are not yet generally known, we re-publish below Appendix No. 1 E., Brigade Sports Trophy, extracted from *Brigade Standing Orders (Provisional)*, 1930.

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1. The Brigade Sports Trophy was presented to the Brigade by Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., in 1929, to be awarded at the discretion of the Brigade Commander.

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(2) The following decisions of a meeting of the Brigade Sports Committee, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on May 9th, 1930, at which the Brigade Commander took the chair, are published as a guide to Brigade Commanders in making their decisions :—

(a) For 1930 the Brigade Sports Trophy will be awarded for proficiency in the following events :—

1. Brigade Sports.
2. Brigade Cross Country Run.
3. Brigade Football Championship.
4. Brigade Tug-of-war.
5. Boxing—Brigade. Divisional and T.A. Championship Events.

(b) Marks will be awarded to units in respect of the award of the Trophy as follows :—

(i) *Brigade Sports.* The following events in the Brigade Sports only will count toward the award of the Trophy :—

(*a*) 100 Yards Relay Race.
(*b*) 440 Yards Relay Race.
(*c*) 880 Yards Relay Race.
(*d*) 1 Mile Team Race.
(*e*) Medley Relay Race.

In each of these events the winner will be awarded four

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WATHGILL, 1930. INSPECTING THE 1ST BATTALION.

Left to Right.—Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O.; Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

points, the second, three points, the third, two points and the fourth, one point.

The unit with the highest score would get 20 points in respect

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of the award of the Trophy, the second unit 15, the third unit 10 and the fourth unit 5.

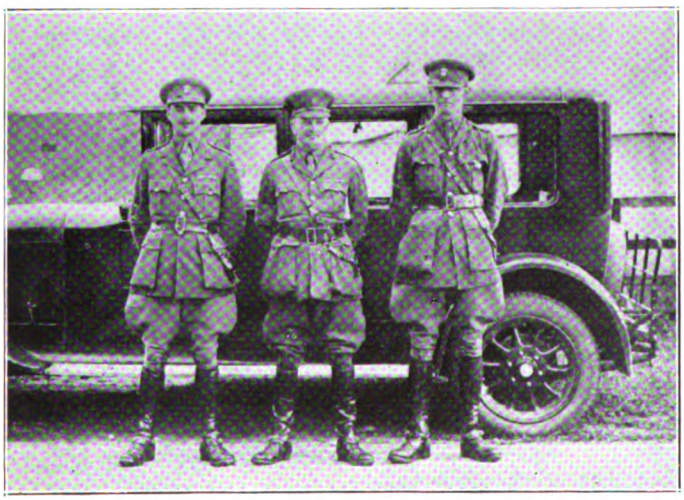
(ii) *Brigade Cross Country Run.* The unit winning the Cup will get 20 points in respect of the award of the Trophy, the second unit 15, the third unit 10, the fourth unit 5.

(iii) *Brigade Football Championship.* The winners will score 20 in respect of the award of the Trophy. The unit beaten in the Final would score 10, and the units beaten in the first round 5 each.

(iv) *The Brigade Tug-of-war.* The winners will score 10 in respect of the award of the Trophy, the team beaten in the final 6, and the teams beaten in the first round, 2 each.

(v) *Boxing.* Each unit will score 1 point for one man at each weight entering any of the competitions mentioned in 2 (*a*) (v) above. A man will score a further point for each bout won. In the event of a unit having more than one man at any weight, the best man's score to count.

The unit making the best score in boxing will receive 20 points in respect of the award of the Trophy, the second unit 15, the third unit 10 and the fourth unit 5.



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WATHGILL, 1930. THE BRIGADE STAFF, 1928, 1929, 1930.

Left to Right.—Capt. E. G. Pemberton (Bde. Major, 1st Bn.); Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. (Brigade Commander); Lieut. and Adjt. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt (Staff Captain, Depôt).

Brigade Transport Competition.

This year the Brigade Transport Competition took the form of a Turnout Competition (one L.G.S.W. and one officer's charger), and was held on the afternoon of the Brigade Sports. Result :—

1. 1st Battalion	.. .. ..	Special Prize.
2. 7th Battalion	.. .. ..	1st Prize.
3. 6th Battalion	.. .. ..	2nd Prize.

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We are much indebted to the following who kindly acted as judges :—Col. E. A. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., Maj. P. Eustace Smith, M.C., T.D., and Maj. R. C. Edwards, A.F.C.

Lectures.

A representative of the Regimental Paymaster gave a lecture in the Y.M.C.A., on the 25th June, on the subject of "Pay and Allowances." This lecture was attended by Officers, Regimental Serjeant-Majors, and C.Q.M.S.'s. Although we were not actually present we understand that at least two Commanding Officers who are familiar with the platform at political meetings, finding the positions reversed, put in some really excellent practice at "heckling." Nevertheless we are confident that the lecture both was, and will be, of great value

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WATHGILL, 1930. "Q" BRANCH.

(*Back*) *Left to Right.*—Lieut. C. J. J. Samwell (7th Bn.); Lieut. W. G. Ouzman (6th Bn.).

(*Front*) *Left to Right.*—Major W. Watson, M.C. (4th Bn.); Capt. W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M. (1st Bn.); Lieut. and Adjt. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt (Depôt); Major E. W. Thompson, O.B.E. (5th Bn.).

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WATHGILL, 1930. THE DRUM MAJORS.

Left to Right.—Drm.-Major Starbuck (1st Bn.); Drm.-Major Orange (4th Bn.); Drm.-Major Maughan (5th Bn.); Drm.-Major Snowden (6th Bn.); Drm.-Major Bailey (7th Bn.).

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to those concerned in the highly specialised art of extracting allowances from the public purse.

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On the 26th June, a very successful lecture was given in the Y.M.C.A., by Mr. E. Baker, of the Ministry of Labour, entitled "Empire Migration." This lecture was attended by nearly 300 men and was enlivened by a debate between two men who had visited Canada—the one successfully, and the other unsuccessfully.

The Y.M.C.A.

Our notes would not be complete without paying a tribute, however brief, to the continued good services of the Y.M.C.A. Although we were very sorry not to have seen our old friend, Mr. Stimpson, in Camp with us; he is conducting a tour to Australia. His position as Superintendent was most ably filled by Mr. Lloyd. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Winsford (Manager, Y.M.C.A., Wathgill Camp), and his staff, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the welfare of the Troops, which we can assure them were very much appreciated by everyone. All the more credit is due to the officials of the Y.M.C.A. for the efficient way in which they administered their duties in view of the fact that this year they had to cater for the whole Division at one and the same time, and in consequence had a much reduced staff at their disposal.

(Owing to lack of space the precis of the Parade Service Sermon has had to be held up till next month. As it is much too good to be lost to the readers of *St. George's Gazette*, we regret the delay in its appearance in our columns.—Ed., "*St. G.G.*")

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn-on-Tyne,
24th July, 1930.

IT is regretted that no notes were forthcoming in last month's issue. As an excuse lack of time in which to write them is pleaded, and also the old proverb, anent "shouting before you are out of the wood."

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Annual Training having been brought to a successful conclusion, we can now pat ourselves on the back without fear of the inevitable disaster which follows a premature indulgence in this form of vice.

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At Wathgill we were very dependent on the weather, and it was to the excellent weather we enjoyed that the success of the Camp was largely due. Being now safely out of his clutches, we can congratulate the Clerk of the Weather on his splendid performance. Throughout the whole of the period not an item of training or sport was interfered with by rain, surely an unusual record.

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From the soldiering point of view this year's Camp was an unusually interesting one. We saw a great deal of the 1st Battalion, who were in the next field to us, and the M.G. Company profited especially from their assistance. The presence of the 72nd Field Brigade was also of great value, and two interesting schemes were carried out in co-operation with 285th Field Battery, with whom we are affiliated.

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A most effective demonstration was given by the 4th Battalion R.T.C., on the Tuesday of the second week, probably the first time many of our members had seen a tank. A very good impression of the effect of a tank attack and the capabilities of this weapon was conveyed.

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A tank was left in the Camp overnight, whose crew were most obliging and ready to answer (to them) the absurd questions of the layman. We all had an opportunity of making a close inspection, and a few lucky ones had a ride in it.

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The next event of interest is the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting during the Bank Holiday week-end. We have several good recruit shots, and some useful practice was put in at Ponteland, on Sunday, 13th and 27th July.

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We hope to give a better account of ourselves this year!

Sports.

Football.

The Battalion football team again succeeded in winning the Brigade Football Cup, this being its eighth successive victory. After an easy victory over the 6th Battalion in the first round by 5 goals to 1, we met the 7th Battalion in the final. The game produced some splendid football, the teams being very evenly matched. Eventually we succeeded by 3 goals to 1. Every credit must be given to our team, as they had to play with six men who had never seen the remainder play until the first match in camp.

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Cross-Country Run.

In this annual run we were again successful in winning the Brigade Cup presented by Brig.-General E. P. A. Riddell, after an interval of three years. Our runners showed splendid form over a very hilly course of 3½ miles, and won by a margin of 170 points from the 6th Battalion. How we came to produce so many good runners will probably remain unknown, but certainly they did run well on such a hot day. We admire the spirit of one of our men who was in the first ten for the first time, and is now 35 years of age. He declared he will never leave the Battalion until he is the first man home.

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Brigade Sports.

The Annual Brigade Sports were held in Camp on 2nd July, and were a great success. The 1st Battalion, which also competed, proved much too good for us, and won practically all the races in addition to the Transport Turn-out Competition.

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The Tug-of-war was an exciting affair, and after beating the 6th Battalion in the first round, we met the 7th Battalion in the final. After two excellent pulls we managed to win and scored the maximum points. It is interesting to note that the Battalion team was formed of the "Y" Company team, with the addition of two men.

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The Flat Races were not so much to our liking, although we did manage to get second place to the 6th Battalion.

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The points gained by our Boxing team at Newcastle during the winter, together with the results given above, made us winners for the first time of the Brigade Sports Trophy presented by Colonel Warde-Aldam.

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The details of the points earned by the various Battalions are given below :—

Unit.	Boxing.	Cross Country.	Foot-ball.	Tug-o'-war.	Sports.	Total.	Place.
4th N.F. ..	15	20	20	10	15	80	1st
5th N.F. ..	10	5	5	2	5	27	4th
6th N.F. ..	20	15	5	2	20	62	2nd
7th N.F. ..	0	10	10	6	10	36	3rd

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The Inter-Company Sports resulted in " Y " (Haltwhistle) Company gaining first place and H.Q. Wing (Newburn) being second. " Y " Company as usual won the tug-of-war and cross-country run, and H.Q. won the football.

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Some interesting boxing contests were held in Camp, and we appear to have some quite good talent which only wants developing. A batch of seven recruits had some good fights with the recruits of the 6th Battalion on 3rd July, and we are pleased to say that we more than held our own. This was a purely sporting event, with no Cups or Trophies to be fought for. Great interest was taken by the members of the two Battalions, and we hope to see this recruits' contest develop into a yearly custom in Camp.

Newburn Detachment.

Last month was fruitless, from the point of view of writing notes, principally because there wasn't much to write about, but the direct cause is attributable to the fact that we were in camp, and camp atmosphere, as everyone knows, is not conducive to writing notes.

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As a final effort to conform to the ideas of the Higher Command, an attempt was made to carry out Field Training with a view to qualifying Platoons for their places in Company Training during Camp. This was done by means of two Sunday Field Days held at Dukers Hagg, Prudhoe, on the 1st and 15th of June.

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On each occasion " W " (M.G.) Company and " X " Company collaborated very successfully, both in attack and defence. On these trips the Serjeants' Mess gave great help in the matter of refreshment, so that on each occasion, the weather being hot, we drank a hearty lunch.

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We are very sorry to say that Capt. W. M. Gibson, M.C., is now leaving the Battalion, having secured an appointment at Kiveton, Yorks. For the past two years he has been a very energetic machine gunner, and he successfully re-organised " W " Company into the new Machine Gun Company. From the display of the Emma Gees at Ripon last year and subsequent conduct on field days and in the drill hall, it was evident that Capt. Gibson had put in a good deal of work, and it was very disappointing for him not to have been able to come to camp with his Machine Gun Company as such. Shortly before camp he left the district and he has the best wishes of us all. He was greatly missed in camp, as his impromptu musical attainments were a great asset.

R.Q.M.S. P. Connell has been honoured by the King in the birthday honours list. He has been awarded the M.B.E., and we herewith tender him our heartiest congratulations. R.Q.M.S. Connell served in the South African War and the Great War, and his military activities have extended over forty years.

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This year preparations for camp seemed to progress very smoothly and with less bustle than in former years. Probably this was due to the Adjutant putting on a final spurt in an endeavour to gain a good chit for his last days with the Unit.

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This is borne out by subsequent events in camp and after.

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It is a great thing to know before leaving camp that bounties will be paid out on the following Friday, and it is an even

COLOUR PARTY, WATHGILL CAMP, 1930.
King's Colour—LT. NEVILLE. *Regimental Colour*—2ND-LIEUT. JACKSON.

greater thing to find on appearance at the Drill Hall for the above purpose, that the Adjutant is patiently waiting in the Orderly Room with a handful of cheques for officers.

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We will now talk about camp.

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On Sunday, 22nd June, we boarded the train at Newburn Station, having previously marched down from the Drill Hall with our band in front, to push a passage through the crowd of admiring friends and relatives who had assembled to wave us good-bye.

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Nothing of importance other than eating occurred en route, except that the band got off the train at Newcastle to air its

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musical accomplishments while we sent out whips over the bridge to the main platform to round up our hardy annual amorous adventurers. We detrained at Leyburn, stacked our packs and marched up to camp. This of course, sounds easy in print, but the way was long and the day was hot, furthermore we had to march uphill most of the way. However, we arrived in camp in a more or less soldierly manner having marched past the Brigade Commander and under the critical eyes of our regular brothers of the 1st Battalion already adjacently encamped.

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The remainder of the day was spent in settling down and getting ourselves sorted out into platoons and sections, etc.

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The camp site was possibly the best that we have had since the War, and the brigade lines were nicely set out with an open view of the beautiful Wensleydale country round about.

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Monday, 23rd, was chiefly spent in drill and inspection of clothing and equipment by Major Watson. In spite of the previous warning, we had the usual number of delinquents who had left the greater portion of their clothing at home, so that as far as fitting out is concerned, we are very little better off than before camp.

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During the first week we had one day platoon training and four days company training, the whole enlivened at intervals by some interesting demonstrations by a platoon of the 1st Battalion. These demonstrations had obviously been well thought out beforehand and must have involved a great deal of trouble, but they were thoroughly appreciated by all who saw them.

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For the whole of camp we had Captain Seth-Smith of the 1st Battalion attached to us as an umpire, and as he may be our next adjutant it was a good opportunity to get used to the people (us) amongst whom he may have to live.

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On the first Tuesday, Lieut.-Gen. C. D. Shute came to inspect us at work, but he only arrived in time to see us march back to camp and apparently he was quite impressed by our march discipline. Unfortunately, he was just too late to see "X" Company's trick cyclist or we might have gained further good chits.

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The following day we received surprise visits from Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb, a former Commanding Officer, and Lieut.-Col. F. Robinson, D.S.O., an old officer of the Battalion, and who is at present on leave from Aden, where his command consists of a goodly mixed unit of cavalry, infantry and camel corps. They stayed with us until next day and joined in our nightly game of football-cricket. Also they came out to see us in operation on the training areas.

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During the first week the inter-company tug-of-war and football matches were completed. For the first time in ten years, "X" Company football team was beaten in the final, which went to H.Q. Wing, who were also winners of the tug-of-war. This is satisfactory as the honours are still retained in the detachment.

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Sunday, 29th, was an important day for us. In the morning a Brigade Drum Head Service was held in a field opposite the 1st Battalion lines. Immediately afterwards the Brigade Cross Country Run took place, and it proved to be very exciting. The course was well chosen, as the runners could be seen the whole way from the starting point. As will be seen elsewhere, the 4th Battalion made a good win, and although the plums of this effort went to Haltwhistle and Prudhoe, this detachment provided the good solid block of runners which is so instrumental in gaining victory.

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The weather throughout camp was hot and there were occasional thunderstorms at nights but we were not affected by these.

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Our activities in the second week comprised two Inspection Days, three Battalion Field Days, and one Brigade Day.

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Monday, 30th, was given up to the Brigade Commander's

Inspection, and we got through this ordeal pretty well, and we have been led to believe that we were a little better than last year. So far as this detachment was concerned nothing went wrong, except for a little shaving incident in the Transport, and of course "X" Company did its conjuring trick and at the last minute produced its "dirty man."

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The Battalion schemes were set with a view to bringing out co-operation with artillery and machine guns.

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This was successfully brought out.

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These schemes, however, have certain drawbacks. One

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Company Commander described in harrowing detail how, during an attack, his footsteps were dogged consistently by an R.A. Subaltern who, acting as F.O.O., persistently begged in a broken voice and with ever increasing pathos, to be given some artillery targets.

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As the Company front was entirely devoid of artillery targets and apparent enemy, these pathetic appeals were sternly resisted. Eventually, however, the Company Commander's resolve was worn down, and in utter weariness and sheer desperation (presumably these can be mixed), and to the fiendish delight of the triumphant gunner subaltern, he savagely ordered a peaceful and harmless old farmstead to be shelled out of existence.

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In war one must have co-operation.

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The Machine Gunners were less difficult to deal with. True, their platoon commanders shadowed the rifle company commanders with exemplary persistence but with genuine subordinate modesty, they did not cry out for targets.

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Nevertheless the poor old Company Commander was always kept in sight, and whenever he issued fresh orders to his platoons, sure enough, the M.G. merchants would be sniffing around and then—my word, ACTION !

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Efficient-looking gentlemen in dungarees would rush forward and, with a pretty pretence at drill with imaginary guns, would proceed to plant yellow flags all over the landscape, thus lulling the riflemen into a sense of security from colossal machine gun covering fire.

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The Brigade scheme was not such a success from a spectacular point of view. The Battalion was in Brigade reserve in the attack, and, as usual, the whole show was made most realistic by having to undertake apparently futile marches, and by loosing our way, and so forth. Eventually, when we were hot and weary and sore, a distant bugle notified the end of the battle. We cheered and marched back to camp.

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Wednesday, 2nd July, was the outstanding day of camp. In the morning we had a ceremonial parade of the 1st Battalion and the 149th Brigade. The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, took the general salute and inspected us, after which he addressed the Parade. In the course of the speech he congratulated us on our achievements and gave us great encouragement.

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After the Parade we marched past the Inspecting General in column of fours.

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In the afternoon the Brigade Sports were held, and from every point of view this was a good show for us. We won the Brigade Trophy, given by Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam with a comfortable margin. This was presented to our commanding officer Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., along with the Brigade Football Cup, which we had won earlier in the week for the ninth successive year.

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Lady Wilkinson very kindly distributed the prizes.

It is necessary to make special mention of our new heavy recruit, who acted as the anchor in the tug-of-war team. There is no doubt that his personality helped us to win this event.

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The second week was such a mixed one that it seemed to pass away very quickly. Our Battalion Football Team played the 1st Battalion Team and we were well beaten by nine goals to three.

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One evening the officers were the guests at dinner of the 1st Battalion, and Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, Maj. Bradley, Maj. Hare, Capt. Fryer, Capt. Wood, Capt. Clarke and Mr. Jackson attended, and were given a jolly good time.

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The compliment was returned when the 1st Battalion Mess was closed on their last night in camp. After dinner we partially disrobed and played them at cricket, soccer and rugger, the play in each case being extremely hectic and the issue doubtful.

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The Serjeants' Mess invited the officers one evening and gave a thoroughly good entertainment, during the course of which it was discovered that the R.S.M. had a good singing voice.

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Sjt. Veitch's annual story of how he joined the transport was better than ever, and of course Sjt. Cameron's " Lambton Worrrm " is by now quite a regimental institution. The new heavy-weight recruit is a man of many parts and he was called in and gave good entertainment.

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On the morning of the last Saturday, the whole Brigade turned out in force and lined the road leading from the camp to cheer the 1st Battalion as it marched out on its journey back to York.

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We gave them a rousing send-off, and we hope that it is a record display of regimental feeling. We have since received a letter from Lt.-Col. R. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion, in which he thanks us for our good-byes.

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Later in the morning all company commanders attended a demonstration of a Brigade defensive machine gun fire plan arranged by Capt. Buckley of the 1st Battalion who acted throughout camp as our B.M.G.O. It was a cleverly worked out scheme and much appreciated by us all.

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On the morinng of the last day, Sunday, 6th July, we rose early, and in the words of the camp programme, returned to our home stations. All in all it was a good camp, but being military men, we are entitled to just a teeny, weeny grouse. The camp might have been a more enjoyable one if there had been a little more outside interest, such as a biggish town near at hand, or a river to bathe in, or a picture hall to go to.

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With regard to the Officers' Mess, the old and tried merry-makers very rightly went on strike. Mr. McLellan and his satellites promised us great things, but brought forth nothing.

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Capt. Charlewood's breezy style was greatly missed, and it

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has been suggested that he should have conferred upon him an honorary membership.

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During camp, Capt. J. Clark was promoted to that rank, and he has our congratulations, but may we hasten to remind him that we are still thirsty.

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We must now bestow bouquets on Capt. F. B. Clarke and his Prudhoe Guards for their excellent performance before and during camp. "Z" Company swiped the board as far as pot hunting is concerned. They won the Adjutant's Cup for pre-camp training for the third successive year, and the Champion Company Cup for all round camp efficiency for the first time. They put up a very good show indeed and have our heartiest congratulations.

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Last, but not least, Sjt. McIvor's giant thermos billy-can was kept going at full blast throughout camp, and many people wondered thereat.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne.
25th July, 1930.

SINCE the writing of last month's Notes, another Annual Camp has been relegated to the inner recesses of the mind, in which are stored our earthly memories, pleasant or otherwise.

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Leaving Wallsend on Sunday, 22nd June, at 8.40 a.m., we arrived at Leyburn about 11.20 a.m., having already been preceded by the 1st and 6th Battalions. The march from Leyburn did not turn out such a fearsome affair as Dame Rumour had foretold, and the Battalion marched into Camp in swinging style, being welcomed by the 72nd Field Brigade R.A. and our own 1st Battalion as we marched in, a little event which greatly cheered everybody.

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This year it was our turn to be the farthest Unit from the entrance. Our tame mathematician has calculated from the M.G. Slide Rule, that, assuming our lines to have been 250 yards beyond the lateral margin of safety, and that during the course of the operations against Richmond and Leyburn, he advanced beyond, and withdrew behind the safety limit, say once each day he would have marched an unnecessary distance of 500 yards x 15 = 4 miles, 5 furlongs. Phew; if we had only realised.

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It was voted by common consent that the Camp was ideally laid out, and though, perhaps, the majority would have preferred a seaside resort, yet one and all admitted the beauty of the surroundings, and within a very short time had settled down to make the best of everything, and, if town amusements were lacking, it was not long before the Battalion set itself to find efficient substitutes.

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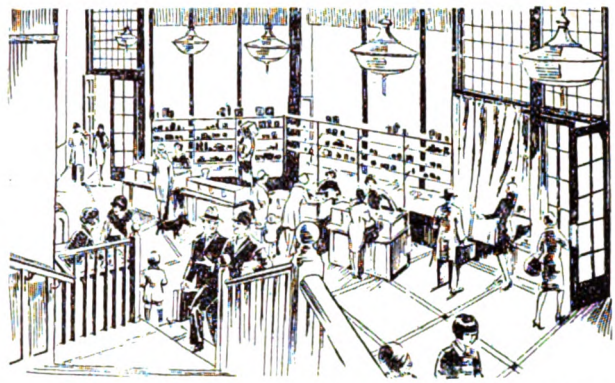
As may be expected, sport figured largely on the programme.



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This year however, we were not very fortunate in the various Brigade events. The results were as under :—

Brigade Football Cup.—5th Bn. lost to the 7th Bn.

Brigade Cross Country Run.—5th Bn. 4th, with 5 points.

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In the Cross Country Run, Fusilier Timney, of " D " Coy. was unfortunate in sustaining a nasty fall whilst actully leading the field. Mr. Besley, who last year ran into 2nd place, could not produce his usual form as he had just completed a series of examinations, things which we all know leave one a mental and physical wreck.

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Apropos of this, we congratulate Mr. Besley on passing his final Law Examinations, and on being admitted as a solicitor.

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The defence of all libel actions against the writer is forthwith placed in his hand (at a reduced fee of course).

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Brigade Sports.

We entered teams for most of the events in the Brigade Sports held on the second Wednesday, July 2nd, but failed to carry off any of the events. In the Transport Turn Out the Battalion was placed 4th. Eventually we finished up as under :— Boxing—10. Cross Country—5. Football—5. Tug-o'-War—2. Sports—5. Total—27.

Company Football Cup.

The draws and results were as follows :—

" A " Coy. *v.* " D " Coy. " A " (M.G.) Coy. won, 5—1.

" B " Coy. *v.* " C " Coy.. " B " Coy. won, 6—2.

H.Q. *v.* " B " Coy. " B " Coy. won, 5—1.

FINAL—" A " (M.G.) Coy. *v.* " B " Coy.. " A " (M.G.) Coy. won, 6—2.

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The Battalion marched into Camp with a strength of 18 Officers and 491 Other Ranks.

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The first week was spent mainly in Company Training, the M.G. Company training away from the rest of the Battalion. The Battalion did manage to come together during the second week, when night Ops were undertaken on the night of Monday, 28th June, and when the Battalion as a whole took part in the Brigade scheme of Thursday, 3rd July, and a Battalion scheme on Friday, July 4th. There was, however, unfortunately one thinks, very little Battalion Training performed as a whole. On the other hand, much valuable Company Training was obtained during the first week, which should go a long way to raise the general standard of efficiency.

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This year the most important event which took place during Camp was the review of the five Battalions of the Regiment present in Camp by the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. This is the first time for many years that anything on such a scale has taken place in the history of the Territorial Battalions. To senior Officers it must have brought back memories of similar events at Aldershot, on the Plain, and out in many of the far-flung spheres of war. To junior Officers it was an experience. It brought home the fact that each one of us was but a very insignificant member of a great corporate body. The Colours unfurled in the front of each Battalion reminded us of the honour and the glorious traditions of the Regiment which each one of us must uphold.

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An amusing side of the Review was the sword drill which was carried out by the Officers the preceding day. Officers might have been seen behind the Mess Tent fighting imaginary duels, and rescuing fair maidens in distress. What a wealth of material the shade of Cervantes would have found to hand should he have contemplated writing a further account of the adventures of *Don Quixote*.

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We had the pleasure of dining Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson on our Guest Night, which was held on Thursday, 3rd July. We hired a very handsome brougham drawn by eight milk-white horses, complete with outriders and postillions as in the year of grace 1800. This was intended to be used to enable the General to complete his inspection by viewing the whole Camp at his ease. Fortunately the Colonel of the Regiment decided that his tour had already been sufficiently strenuous, and he therefore ordered his G.S.O. to act as his deputy.

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By some mischance, information reached the ears of a Moorish Brigand, one Al Pluma by name, who, assisted by his henchman, Ma Stenhowa and Howa Mc. Pheeleep (of ancient Scottish descent), decided to capture General Wilkinson, and hold him to ransom. Now dear readers the plot thickens.

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By chance a deadly enemy of the General, to wit, Gen Spierwhisky of the dreaded Cheka U.S.S.R., had been sent specially from Russia, aided by a trusty Lieutenant with express orders to despatch the gallant Colonel of the Regiment there and then. Never doing things by halves, General Spierwhiskey had lain in wait for days seeking an opportunity to despatch his enemy. For this purpose he was fitted out with an armoured car possessing an areo engine and collapsible wings by which means he intended to make good his escape.

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Now hold your breath. As our General's G.S.O. was riding around deputising for his superior officer, Al Plumer, Ma Stenhowa and Howa Mc. Pheeleep rushed down on the brougham, capturing and taking prisoner whom they thought was there intended victim. When the question of ransom was mentioned however, Colonel Foster proved obdurate, and so with the intention of forcing his hand, the brigands placed him up against a kind of wall and pretended that they would soon make an end of his resistance.

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At this moment General Spierwhisky, G.S.O., 99 in the Bolshevik Army left his hiding place and attempted to perform in reality by means of machine guns what had been pretence on the part of the brigands. Colonel Foster, we regret to say, was riddled with bullets but the ammunition was of such a weak nature, that with the attentions of Sister Naysmithe and Nurse Kappystick, who came on the scene just at that moment, he quickly recovered, which proves the inferiority of the Russian arms. Nurse Kappystick deserves special mention in this connection, and a movement is on foot to present her with a suitable decoration.

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Thus was General Sir Percy Wilkinson saved from what would no doubt have been a premature decease. To conclude the story, the brigands and General Spierwhisky were after-

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wards rounded up and transported from the district some days later, being sentenced to one year's hard labour until next Camp.

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Among the guests present in addition to Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy S. Wilkinson, were Colonel Foster, Colonel Pinkney, Colonel Gover, Major P. P. Phillips, Mr. Leete and many of our friends from the 1st and other Battalions of the Brigade.

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The night of Monday, 30th June was spent in the vicinity of Bardon Fell where an outpost line was taken up. Jupiter Pluvius kindly gave us time to get into position before turning on at the main. During the night we were treated to the spectacle of a thunderstorm making its way across our front, and the vivid flashes of lightning added greatly to the imaginary picture of a shell scarred front. Friend and foe alike were stuck through with bayonets, which fortunately were non-existant, by eager and vigilant sentries ; the night firing lamps of the M.G. Platoons could not be persuaded to function except under extreme pressure and much swearing ; some Platoons would not allow themselves to be found by the ration carriers, so that, like a former European engagement, it was a lovely war. A meal was ready in the field about 6 a.m., but Old Jupiter turned on the water again, and the troops returned to Camp to partake of breakfast under cover.

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An instructive day was spent on the occasion of the Brigade Field Day, on Thursday, 3rd July. The 5th, along with the 6th Battalion, aided by the 72nd Brigade R.A., formed the attacking forces, commanded by our own C.O., Colonel W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L. The day was a " scorcher," and some fairly long bounds were made. After passing through Camp, the Battalion, under the command of Major B. Peatfield, M.C., ascended the other side of the valley and had quite a long rest after capturing Coldstorms Farm, being held up by fire from a neighbouring eminence called Seat How. Later, an attack was made on Seat How, but whether we won as per school solution, or were really wiped out five minutes after the commencement, remains the Umpires' secret.

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This year's Camp was remarkable for the number of Officers who found themselves unable to be present in Camp for the whole period. This shows that it is becoming increasingly difficult for Officers to get away from business—a fact which seems to be becoming more and more evident each year.

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Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., our late Adjutant, was attached to the Battalion during Camp pending the granting of a Commission in the Territorial Army.

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Mr. Izod also attended Camp under similar circumstances and was posted temporarily to " D " Company.

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Perhaps one of the most pleasing features of Camp was the presence of our 1st Battalion. We were thus able once again to renew acquaintance with many familiar faces, among which was that of our sometime Adjutant, Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, and also to become acquainted with others whom we did not know so well. The officers of the 1st Battalion kindly invited the Mess to dinner on Tuesday, 1st July, and they entertained us right royally. We were very pleased to return the compliment on our own Guest Night, and hope these members of the 1st Battalion who were present enjoyed themselves as much as we did two nights previous.

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The Army List is now something more than a list of names to us. The 1st Battalion notes become more living since we now know, if we did not before, the personalities whose deeds are chronicled therein.

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On Sunday, 29th June we were pleased to welcome to lunch the ladies and friends of the Battalion. We were pleased to see Mrs. Anderson amongst us once again and such familiar faces as those of Major P. P. Phillips, Mr. Leete and Major Hill. A goodly number were present and it says a great deal for the size of our Mess Tent that it was able to accommodate them all.

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This year the Battalion ran its own private bus to Richmond and to Darlington, a fact which was greatly appreciated by the men. On the last Saturday of Camp the 1st Battalion, less the M.G. personnel, left to return to York. Having missed the pleasure of seeing them march into Camp, we took the opportunity of seeing them march out and of wishing them God Speed.

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A novel feature of this year's Camp was the provision of shower baths for the men.

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Our present strength is 20 Officers and 584 Other Ranks.

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The Officers present in Camp were as follows :—Bt. Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L. ; Maj. B. Peatfield, M.C. ; Maj. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., T.D. ; Maj. E. W. Thompson, O.B.E. ; Captains Carlile, Herdman, Stanley, Phillips, and Newstead ; Messrs. Rowe, Besley, Stephenson, Douthwaite, Gray, Middleton, Snowball and Izod. Last but not least, our Adjutant, Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C.

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We were pleased to have the Officers of the 149th Field Ambulance messing with us again this year.

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The Platoon of the 1st Battalion which was attached to the M.G. Company was No. 13 Platoon of " Z " (M.G.) Company under Cpl. Pennick.

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Mr. Spiers of " Z " (M.G.) Company was also attached to us for the purpose of helping us along and we take this opportunity of placing on record our thanks for their valuable support and interesting demonstrations.

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We returned home on Sunday, 6th July, and arrived at " Home Stations " about 1.20 p.m., or rather 1320 hours.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
July, 1930.

EACH Camp since the War seems to exceed the others, but, while allowances may be made for red-hot memories, no one who was there, even in the light of Camps that may follow after, can deny that this last was our most complete effort, both from a military and a social aspect.

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True, there might have been improvements, a closer range to a Bright Spot would have given the "Powers" a wider halo, but even they, whose only change from the drab surroundings of a city, are provided by the T.A., were content, or we hope they were, to grin and abide so long as the sun was shining.

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Next year, we are promised (or so we construe it), a seaside Camp, and after a Training Camp which required a deal of hard work from all ranks, we feel the change will be much appreciated.

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The great feature of this year, and one which we understand can not be repeated with exactly the same personnel, or anything very near it, was the presence of our 1st Battalion sharing the burdens of a Territorial Brigade. In all ranks we found old friends, and their assistance and example in Training was as useful as their lessons in how to make the most of the shining

COLOUR PARTY.

C.Q.M.S. NOCKELS, LIEUT. GARDNER, C.S.M. JORDAN, LIEUT. PEARY, AND C.Q.M.S. BOWMAN.

hour, whether the sun or the moon was lending its friendly rays.

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So much has been thought of the lead given to us, and sufficient, we hope, has been said, to express our thanks to Colonel Booth, his officers, W.O.'s., N.C.O.'s and all ranks, for what they did for the Brigade, that further indication of gratitude might be counted as superfluous. So we leave them with all our good wishes, and heartily echo our Commanding Officer's tribute on our last Parade in Camp.

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From a Training point of view, much valuable instruction has been gathered. No time was wasted in getting to and fro from the Areas, which all meant some "allez-allez" work for Company Commanders. The country was ideal and full of features, and bogs, so that the usual presence of a hayfield to be construed as a morass, was mostly unnecessary.

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The stamina of officers and men was rather tried the first week by the hills and heavy heather, but one marvelled at the vigour and keenness of the same crowd on our Battalion and Brigade days, when much heavy marching and fighting were necessary. The Lewis Gun Teams with depleted sections, were especially good, and only men keen to put up a good show for their Company and Battalion could have performed these tasks as ably and cheerfully.

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Our M.G. Company were willing and patient to a degree. A deal of technical drudgery falls to the lot of a Machine Gunner, and it was only in the second week that they could shake out into real Field Training. Their lessons were well learnt, a keen and useful crowd with an initiative developed and instilled into every rank. We would like to see their numbers greater. Their duties are exceptionally interesting and full of scope for anyone with a turn for mechanics.

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In accordance with precedent, they won the Worsley-Gough Cup for cleanliness of lines, tents and efficient administration. Not that other companies were very far behind, in fact in some points other companies, including the H.Q. Company, had them defeated; but for all round work in the tasks that counted, they won, and deserve much congratulations on a steady front to all attacks.

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The Camp all round was probably the cleanest and most orderly we have had. The good dry weather and the ideal camp site had a lot to do with it, but the care each Company took of its own area was especially noticeable. It was difficult to find the usual untidy corners, and our Pioneers for their initial work, and our Sanitary Section for the maintenance of the Camp deserve all praise.

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The Duke's Cup for Training, Guards, Marching and Arms Drill, was won this year by "B" Company under Capt. Rutherford. They were the strongest Company in Camp, and Capt. Rutherford was not slow in showing them off to advantage. They were certainly good in grasping the idea of wide tactics, their sections were most ably led, and undoubtedly they possess a nucleus of very efficient young N.C.O.'s. They were all a hard-working team and great believers in letting cheerfulness abound with industry. This Company last won the Duke's Cup in 1921, during the temporary absence of their Company Commander of those days; Capt. Rutherford was only absent one day, so his Company deserve all the more praise.

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"A" Company, (in alphabetical precedence) astounded their opponents by capturing the Cross Country Cup and the Sports Cup. With numbers below "B" Company's total, this achievement proves that they possess a very sound heart. With "C" Company, they were little removed from the general high standard of the winners of the Dukes Cup. The Commanding Officer in awarding the Worsley Gough Cup, paid an especial tribute to the condition of their lines, a result which can be only achieved by Serjeants who lead rather than drive, their Guard was good, and their Arms Drill, as it usually is, the best in the Battalion. We hope that Capt. Graham will keep his men together in the same spirit for future Camps. A Company that wins a genuine mass performance such as a Cross Country Run, proves to all that they have unlimited *esprit-de-corps*.

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"C" Company were unfortunate this year, in being without

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a full complement of Section Leaders. They were good, plenty of initiative and drive, and whether in attack or defence, never rattled. Their Guard, too, was good, and individually, we should imagine that each member of this Company is a very highly-trained Territorial Soldier.

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Under Serjeant Shipley, with Capt. Clayton as B.T.O., our Transport Section had the usual industrious time. The horses produced were good, and there manners an improvement upon many we have had. A Company Commander certainly finds it difficult to read his map when his horse is on its hind legs only, but otherwise the chargers were not bad; Capt. Carrick, with his usual prudence, had a horse accustomed to everything.

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Little damage was done to Limbers, and none to the personnel, though a set of false teeth was found on our Parade Ground.

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The Transport Section as before, were self-contained so far as feeding was concerned, and were a thoroughly well-run show. With so many ex-Service men in the Section, one expects the right standard of cleanliness our Transport always produce, and they never seem to weary of well-doing. We were second among the T.A. Units in the Turn-out competition. The limbers produced by those placed in front of us, the 1st Battalion and the 7th Battalion were certainly marvellous productions, when one considers the raw material (more lumber than limber) that, with us, lies in a Drill Hall for the rest of the year.

THE BRIGADIER INSPECTING THE BRIGADE GUARD PROVIDED BY "C" COMPANY, 6TH BN. THE NORTH'D. FUSILIERS.

Signalling.

The Signalling Section was unfortunate during the winter, in having its strength weakened by the loss of several trained men, including two junior N.C.O.'s who were fortunate in securing jobs which were, unhappily however, outside the district. Their loss was more or less balanced by the innovation this year, in recruiting boys to the Section, which resulted in our going to camp with a handful of trained men and over twenty very young, but very enthusiastic boys.

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The training was very ably carried out by Mr. Parsons, assisted by his instructors and signallers of the First Battalion. It is certain that the Signallers very much appreciated, and profited by, the opportunity of getting to know their opposite numbers in the 1st Battalion.

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As so often happens on Brigade Field Days, the Signallers sallied forth with good resolutions, and a half limber full of stores, but were able to perform very little of use, except to produce the acting Battalion Commander's horse at an appropriate place and time. A mention may not be out of place here, of the very efficient communication between Battalions and Brigade, provided by Divisional Signals, with their "Ack" sets.

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So much for Training; as regards Interior Economy, great credit is due to the N.C.O.'s, headed by Sjt. Macenany, who produced such well ordered lines and kits in such a short space of time, from the very young idea.

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A word must be added of pre-camp Training, when a very excellent course was run by Sjt. Finney, of the Royal Corps of Signals, who tried a great deal to raise the standard of signalling, both by the Course and by his assistance in Camp.

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The results of classification (100 % of those put up, classified), and the general standard reached by the Section as a whole, both in training and "lines," etc., promises well for the future.

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On Sunday, the 29th June, a great many of the relatives and friends of our Officers undertook the long journey to Wath Gill, to see our Camp and the Brigade Cross Country Run.

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The Run this year was over a particularly stiff course, and after holding the Cup for the last two years, we were compelled to surrender to the 4th Battalion, who turned out a very fit and vigorous team. Sjt. W. Fife, of our "C" Company, was the first home, and put up a most creditable performance. Fus. Timney, of the 5th Battalion, was distinctly unfortunate in crocking himself so near to the finish, when he had a very substantial lead. With 48 starters, we were placed second to the 4th Battalion, and we were glad to see so many who did turn out for the Battalion, and faced the first steep hill, which must have broken many a stout heart.

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At luncheon that day our guests included:—Mrs. G. E. Wilkinson, the wife of our Commanding Officer; Miss E. K. Bell, Mrs. Frank Dawson, Mrs. Parmeter, Mrs. F. C. Clayton, Mrs. Alan Angus, Miss Marchbanks, Miss Allison, Miss Dagleish, Mrs. Hedley and Miss Joan Hedley, Mrs. Robert Harrison and The Misses Harrison, Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, The Rev. C. and Mrs. Thorp, and Mr. R. Kynock Clark.

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A great many other visitors called to see us during our fortnight there, and we are much obliged to them for all good wishes, and the compliment so many paid in travelling a long distance.

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We were especially pleased to see there three of our late Commanding Officers, in the persons of Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., and Lieut.-Colonel F. Robinson, D.S.O. (who commanded us in France and is now commanding the Aden Protectorate Levies).

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Our other visitors to the Officers' Mess included :—Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.B., Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel R. M. Booth, D.S.O., and the Officers of the 1st Battalion ; Colonel Malise Ruthven commanding the 151st Infantry Brigade ; Capt. Lindsay and Mr. A. C. Collingwood from the Depôt ; Colonel Ernest Robinson, Lieut.-Colonel C. Ward Ritson, Colonel H. S. Bell, Major V. A. H. Daly (of our Divisional Staff), Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Walker, Major R. S. Edwards and Capt. A. P. Ramsay, of the 72nd Field Brigade R.A. ; Mr. A. E. Brumell, Major A. E. Laybourne, Mr. Wilfrid Blackburn, Major E. G. Coulson, Major G. H. Watkins, and Major H. Sherlock.

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Our Battalion Cross-Country Run took place on Thursday, the 26th June, and each Company sent a strong contingent ; "A" Company won. As in former years, massed running secured the verdict. "B" Company had massed well too, but could not get their mass past "A" Company's mass. "A" Company too, possess some very useful runners, and it is good to see new and young blood coming well to the fore in a contest which is always strenuous. Whenever a finisher is placed, he has always suffered a certain amount of discomfort for his Company's sake. We hope the other Companies will look round and persuade their young Fusiliers that they can run. So many really good performers seem to be in complete ignorance of their abilities until lured out by the sight of old men trying to run.

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The Battalion Sports were held this year under rather difficult conditions. So much was required of our Parade Ground, white splashes for inspections, sawdust for Brigade Sports, with football matches and tanks on all sides. The course was small, and hardly gave a fair chance for good runners to show themselves to advantage. However, it was the same for everybody, and all events were keenly contested in a good sporting way. "A" Company won the Sports for the first time for several years we believe since the War, a good performance against strong opposition from both "B" and "C" Companies.

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The results of the Battalion Sports and the Battalion Football Cup are given at the end of these notes. "B" Company won the Football Cup, but the whole competition was well fought in a good sporting spirit.

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As in former years, the Officers with their guests, were entertained to a smoking concert by the members of the Serjeants' Mess, and once more, we tender our hearty thanks, not only for the compliment, but for the very excellent programme provided. Colonel Booth, Colonel Garnier and Major Sutherland, of the 1st Battalion were with us that night, and, we hope, realised that our sense of humour is strictly reserved for off-parade hours.

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Serjeant Cowan, of the 4th Battalion, sang "The Lambton Worm" in a true Northumbrian manner, and made us all hope we shall be allowed to hear him sing again.

All Ranks of the Battalion will regret very much to hear of our Bandmaster's illness, and be relieved to learn that Mr. Crosse's health is improving. He has our good wishes for a speedy recovery, and we hope that he will soon be back at duty.

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The Band, even more than ever, were most helpful to the Battalion from every point of view. They helped as soldiers whenever their services were required and always in a good sportsmanlike spirit. Apart from their skill in music, they probably include a higher percentage of ex-service men who have had fighting experience, than any Band in the division.

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The Drums this year showed great improvement in their attention to their kit, dining tent and lines. It surely cannot be difficult for a boy to clean the small amount of service kit that is under his charge, and yet we have had the same difficulties, until this year, when someone discovered how easy it was, and what a difference it made. We hope that this high standard will be maintained.

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With the other Drums in the Brigade, we had the benefit of hearing and seeing the 1st Battalion, and hope to be as like them next year, as it is "Territorially" possible to be.

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The Officers' Mess was once more under the control of Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, and no thanks are too great for the self-sacrificing way they both worked. We were well attended to, not only on special occasions, but particularly at the times when food is urgently required on short notice. The heat must have been very severe in the places that no one else seems to see, or realise exist, and probably they were more exhausted at the end of Camp than anyone else, and the only beings who were glad to see it finish.

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We were glad to see an old Battalion friend, Pioneer-Serjeant Pearman, promoted to that rank. He is one of our oldest members, having joimed in 1905, and we feel confident that his experience as a Pioneer will prove most useful to us. We hope, that in accordance with an old custom, almost extinct, he will exercise the privilege of growing a beard.

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Camp notes could not be complete without a tribute of appreciation for the labours of our Q.M. and his Staff, as well as all who toil in silent places such as Orderly Rooms, Company Offices, Canteens and the like. The Battalion stomach requires a deal of careful attention at all times and especially when the water spoils the tea. This liquid supply was the greatest, if not the only grievance we had to contend with. The work of all our Administrative Staff was much valued this year. Latent efficiency seems to be their motto, and working hours unlimited. However carefully the Orderly Room is concealed, people seem to find their way into it at all times.

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Our Recruits Boxing Contest was very popular again, especially among the Paper-weights. We hope those who competed will be encouraged to present themselves for further training and general practice at all times when the Gymnasium is open during the Winter Season.

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We were especially glad to have an inter-Battalion Recruits Competition with the 4th Battalion and trust that their victory will give them a stimulus, and enable more of these contests

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to be held in Camp. They are always very largely attended, and promote a great amount of interest.

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On Sunday, the 20th July, we held our Battalion Musketry Meeting, at Ponteland, and had one of our best gatherings. The Inter-Company contests were fought out very keenly, and the shooting all round showed improvement. One or two of our older hands were in especially good form, and Serjeant C. Johnston, of the M.G. Company, deserves every congratulation on a really fine performance in winning the Individual Competition with so much against him. It is good, too, to think that the M.G. Company have not beaten all their rifles into Vickers Guns.

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H.Q. Wing for the first time won the Cadet Colonel's Cup, by a short lead of two points from "B" Company. Drum-Major Snowdon proved a very valuable asset to the Company, and we hope next year to see the Transport and the Band competing for some, if not all, the prizes.

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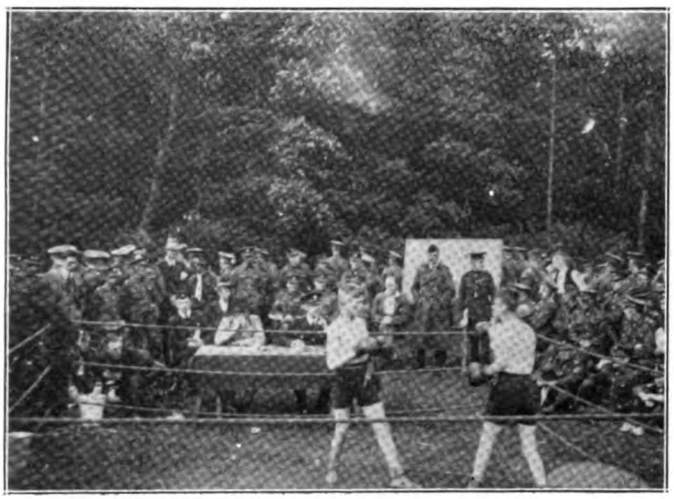
The Companies cannot very well produce many competitors,



RECRUITS BOXING—FINAL OF THE BANATM-WEIGHTS.
FUS. CRAIG, H.Q., AND FUS. HUNTER, M.G. WINNER, FUS. CRAIG.

as, bar the Individual prizes, limited teams only can be accepted. We hope that next year some arrangement for increasing the numbers allowed to qualify will be arranged.

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The marking, under Sjt. Macenany, was very good, and our thanks are due to our very loyal friend, Mr. C. Hayes, for his help at the telephone.

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We particularly hope to see more recruits competing next year. Fus. Carrick, the winner of the Recruits' Prize, shows every promise of being a really good shot, and we hope to hear more about him at our future meetings.

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The results were as follows :—

The Carrick Competition.—1, H.Q. Wing (Drum-Major Snowdon, Sjt. Rhodes, Lce.-Cpl. Tyrell, Fus. Anderson) ; 2, "B" Coy., M.G. Coy., tie.

The Bell Competition.—1, "B" Coy. (Sjts. Potts, Stewart, McAnnelly and Johnson, Cpls. Melton, McDonald and Wilson, and Lce.-Cpl. Richardson) ; 2, M.G. Company.

The Wilkinson Competition.—1, H.Q. Wing, 115 (Capt. Angus, Lieut. Field, Sjt. Rhodes, Drum-Major Snowdon, Sjt. Sell) ; 2, "C" Coy., 64.

The Bennett Competition (for Recruits).—1, Fus. R. Carrick, 34 ; 2, Fus. W. Elsender, 20 ; 3, Fus. O'Grady, 17 ; 4, Fus. J. Patrick, 13 ; 5, Fus. Grant, 12 ; 6, Fus. Dalton, 10.

The Parmeter Competition.—1, H.Q. Wing, 338 (Capt. Angus, Lieut. Field, Sjt. Rhodes, Drum-Major Snowdon, Sjt. Sell, Lce.-Cpl. Tyrell, Fuslrs. Anderson and McIntosh) ; 2, "B" Company, 296.

Individual Competition.—1, Sjt. C. Johnston, 95 ; 2, Sjt. Rhodes, 88 ; 3, C.Q.M.S. Bowman, 81 ; 4, Cpl. Wilson, 73 ; 5, Lce.-Cpl. R. Ellison, 64 ; 6, Sjt. McAnelly, 59 ; Cpl. Boltin, 59 (counted out).

Lewis Gun Competition.—1, "C" Company ((Sjt. Fife and Lce.-Cpl. Ellison ; 2, "B" Coy. and M.G. Company, tie.

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Cadet Colonel's Cup.

Company.	Bell Comp.	Wilkinson Comp.	Parmeter Comp.	Total.	Placings.
H.Q. Wing ..	195	115	338	648	1st
"A" Company	188	40	248	476	4th
"B" Company	299	51	296	646	2nd
"C" Company	202	64	233	499	5th
M.G. Company	230	60	289	579	3rd

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The Miniature Shooting Competition, which has been a matter of contest all this past winter, has now been won by H.Q. Wing and "C" Company, with an equal number of points. All who competed worked hard. It is no easy matter to collect a Company's best team each time ; night shifts, absence and other causes, often cause great despondency to the team Captains. All the same the competition is keen, and, with every hope of a new and much improved range, there should be better attendance this next winter.

Sports.

Football Cup.

First Round.—"C" Coy. beat H.Q. "A," "B" and M.D. Companies, byes.

Second Round.—"B" Coy. beat "A" Coy. M.G. Coy. beat "C" Coy.

Final.—"B" Coy. beat M.G. Coy.

("B" Company's team—Sjt. Potts, Lce.-Cpls. Dunn, Sloan, Bannon, Cpls. McDonald and Wilson, and Fuslrs. Gilbert, Campbell, Duffy, G. Reardon, and Pendleton.)

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Recruits' Boxing Cup.

Weight.	*Winner.*	*Runner-up.*
Welter	Fus. Walton, "B" Coy.	Fus. Kerrick, "B" Coy.
Light	Fus. Duffy, "B" Coy.	Fus. Young, "B" Coy.
Feather	Fus. Reardon, "B" Coy.	Fus. Clarke, "A" Coy.
Bantam	Fus. Craig, H.Q. Coy.	Fus. Hunter, M.G. Coy.
Fly	Fus. Virtue, "B" Coy.	Fus. Dadson, "B" Coy.
Paper	Fus. Tunstall, H.Q. Coy.	Fus. Black, "A" Coy.

Best Loser—Fus. Hunter, M.G. Coy.

Points.—"B" Coy., 41 ; "A" Coy., 13 ; H.Q., 10 ; "C" and M.G. Companies, 7 each.

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Results of Competition with the 4th Battalion.

4th Battalion.		*6th Battalion.*
Fus. Leather	beat	Fus. Craig
Fus. Holmes	lost to	Fus. Reardon
Fus. Turner	beat	Fus. Weddle
Fus. Turnbull	beat	Fus. Carrick
Fus. Girrighty	lost to	Fus. O'Grady
Fus. Wheatley	beat	Fus. Young
Fus. Thompson	lost to	Fus. Marshall

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Battalion Cross-Country Run.

1, Fus. Fairley ("A" Coy.); 2, Sjt. Fife ("C" Coy.); 3, Fus. Mann ("B" Coy.); 4, Lce.-Cpl. Cowen ("A" Coy.); 5, Lce.-Cpl. Scarll ("A" Coy.).

Points.—"A" Coy., 326; "B" Coy., 220; "C" Coy., 154; H.Q., 66; M.G., 54.

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Brigade Cross-Country Run.

4th Battalion, 1090 points, first.
5th Battalion, 527 points, fourth.
6th Battalion, 924 points, second.
7th Battalion, 699 points, third.

1, Sjt. Fife (6th Bn.); 2, Fus. Finland (4th Bn.); 3, Fus. Storie (4th Bn.); 4, Fus. Fairley (6th Bn.); 5, Fus. Mann (6th Bn.).

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Battalion Sports Results.

100 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, H.Q.; 5, M.G.

880 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, M.G.; 5, H.Q.

Tug-of-War, Final.—M.G. beat "A" Company.

440 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, M.G.; 3, "B" Coy.; 4, "C" Coy.; 5, H.Q.

One Mile.—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, H.Q.; 5, M.G.

220 *Yards.*—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, M.G.; 4, "C" Coy.; 5, H.Q.

Message Relay Race.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, M.G.

SUMMARY.—"A" Coy., 38½ pts.; "B" Coy., 27 pts.; "C" Coy., 24½ pts.; M.G., 18 pts.; H.Q. 11 pts.

BRIGADE SPORTS SUMMARY.—4th Bn., 80 pts. (1st); 5th Bn., 27 pts. (4th); 6th Bn., 62 pts. (2nd); 7th Bn., 36 pts. (3rd).

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,
23rd July, 1930.

HERE we are, home again, and back to trying to grind the shekels out of a very unwilling objective, after what has surely been one of the most successful camps that any Territorial Army Unit could wish for.

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First of all . . . the weather. This is perhaps the most important factor in any camp, but particularly so in a district such as the wilds of Wathgill, miles from anywhere. Had we had a wet fortnight, one would be safe in assuming that everyone would have been perfectly miserable, with the normal "anti-recruiting" effect. But we had not a wet time—not as regards the weather, anyhow. Certainly it rained occasionally and we had a bit of a storm now and then—but nothing to interfere with training and nothing to really upset anyone in any material way.

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Next . . . the camp site. This was almost ideal. Plenty of room and the whole Brigade Group was most comfortably "housed." There were football grounds and sports grounds, and these were made full use of in every leisure moment.

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Then the fact that we had our own 1st Battalion beside us tended in more than one direction to make us more than ever efficient. Knowing that we were alongside such a fine Battalion and actually having some of their men attached to us for training purposes put our fellows on their mettle. They had their "tails up" all the time, and settled down and did their work with a right good will right through

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It is very sad to think that it's all over and done with for some 46 weeks. But the trouble with all these Territorial Camps is their shortness, coupled with the amount of work that has to be got through.

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Now if only we had a month! Say a full week at the start devoted to Drill (given a decent parade ground of course) and "poshing up" in every direction; followed by about a fortnight's Platoon and Company Training; then six or seven days' Battalion and Brigade work.

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The first week would really prepare the ground by so improving discipline and soldierly spirit as to make the mind more receptive for the taking in and retention of the impressions gained and lessons taught in the field.

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But alas! such is out of the question, so why think of it?

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We commenced our Company Training on the first Wednesday and great strides were made. We only had time for one Battalion Day, on Monday, the 30th June; and one Brigade Day on Thursday, the 3rd July.

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Both days went well.

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We had a great Drum Head Church Parade on the middle Sunday, at which the Padre (Rev. F. Baker, C.F., of Byker), gave a very inspiring address of exactly the right type. Short in duration, strong in expression, impressive in delivery and full of good sense.

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The Brigade Cross Country Run followed this, and we are glad to report an advance in form and elevation in the table from our last year's lowly position.

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Mr. Brims just arrived in Camp on the Saturday night, but turned out and finished very strongly, well up in front—being number 14 home.

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The figures read:—7th Bn., 3rd place, 699 points.

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We were glad to welcome a large number of old friends during the afternoon. A large char-a-banc party arrived from the

COLONEL BOOTH PRESENTING THE DRILL SHIELD TO SJT. ROSS.

Morpeth area, and it was pleasing to see amongst them such old veterans as C.S.M. MacAllister and Sjt. Appleby, of the Transport, to mention only two names.

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During the middle week-end we were honoured by a visit from Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., Major H. R. Smail, T.D., and Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C.—the latter being home on a holiday from Kenya, where he is growing coffee—and they stopped in Camp with us for a few days.

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Captain Lindsay and Mr. Collingwood, of the Depôt, visited us for lunch, and we were glad to welcome them.

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The Brigade Commander (Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.) carried out his Inspection on Tuesday, the 1st July, and he was very complimentary in his remarks. Our blushes prevent us saying in print exactly what he told us, but we would just like to mention that he expressed himself as particularly pleased with the obvious improvement in the turn-out of the Band and Drums this year. Indeed, this was one of the most striking improvements over last year's training. After inspecting the Battalion in mass, the Brigadier inspected the lines, canteen, cookhouse, etc., finishing up with seeing the men at dinners.

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That afternoon we held our Annual Platoon Competition for the Drill Shield. This year the judges were as follows :—

TEST "A."—Numbers on Parade. Capt. and Adjt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.

TEST "B."—Turn-out. Capt. L. C. Thomas, M.C. (Adjt. 1st Bn.).

TEST "C."—Drill. Mr. Fishbourne, 1st Bn.

TEST "D."—General Impression. Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion.

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No. 10 Platoon (Sjt. C. Ross, M.M., "C" Coy.) were the winners.

The full results were as follows :—

	Test "A."	Test "B."	Test "C."	Test "D."	Total.
1, "C" Company	100	76	81	67	324
2, "A" Company	90	69½	83	71	313½
3, "D" Company	90	72½	84	65	311½
4, "B" Company	60	72	82	68	282

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It will be noticed that if the Test "Numbers on Parade" is left out of the question, the margin between the four Platoons is very small indeed.

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All the competitors did extremely well, and much credit is due to them—both winners and losers alike—for putting up such a creditable show.

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We wish to record our thanks to the judges for the pains-taking way they carried out their by no means easy job.

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At the conclusion of the competition, Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., presented the Drill Shield to the winning Platoon Commander, and the Commanding Officer presented Sjt. Wood, of "A" Company, with the handsome Cup for "A" Company's Inter-Platoon Competition.

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Then came, perhaps the greatest day of this year's Camp—Wednesday, 2nd July—when the Colonel-in-Chief inspected five of his Battalions on the same Parade Ground—a unique parade in the history of the Regiment.

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This was really a most inspiring spectacle, and it brought all one's soldierly instincts, pride of Regiment, and pride of Country to the surface. There surely could not have been many on parade that day who had not that funny little "pins and needles" sensation up and down the spine as the Brigade

COLONEL ROBSON PRESENTING SJT. WOOD WITH "A" COMPANY'S CUP FOR THE BEST PLATOON.

Commander gave the command "Present Arms," and when the Band of the 1st Battalion played the General Salute.

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The five Battalions were drawn up in hollow square formation, with the 1st Battalion on the right, the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions in the centre, and the 7th Battalion on the left, facing the 1st Battalion.

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Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., accompanied by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., who acted as Staff Officer, rode on to the parade ground, and after the Salute, dismounted to inspect each Battalion in turn. Battalions were in close column, Colours to the front, and Officers taking post in review order, with drawn sword.

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The Band of each Unit played while the Battalion was being inspected.

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Immediately after the Inspection, General Wilkinson presented the Territorial Decoration to Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., and the Territorial Efficiency Medal to C.S.M. R. W. O'Connor, Sjt. J. Coulthard, Sjt. R. Redford, Fus. J. Reed, and Fus. A. Lillico—all of the 7th Battalion.

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He then re-mounted and addressed the Parade. Without seeming to raise his voice in the slightest degree, every word uttered was clearly heard all over the parade ground, and such an address !

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We do not intend to report his remarks, as full reports of General Wilkinson's address have appeared in the daily press ; but there are two passages which we think ought to be recorded in these notes.

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Speaking about the traditions of the Regiment, he said : " These Regimental traditions are a priceless heritage, handed down to us through the centuries, and a record of brave deeds, nobly done. They are left in our charge for the time being, and it is in our hands whether we add to the glory, or whether we tarnish its fame. We must each remember that we are equally responsible."

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And his concluding words : " In no Regiment in the Service are the links between the Regular and Territorial Battalions more firmly forged, or the feeling more friendly, than in the Fighting FIFTH—The Northumberland Fusiliers. I, as Colonel, am proud that it should be so. The bond between these five Battalions and myself is probably closer than that of any other Colonel in His Majesty's Army."

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The Parade then marched past in column of fours on the road, giving " Eyes right " at the saluting base, near Brigade Headquarters—after which Battalions were dismissed.

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During the afternoon the Brigade Sports were held—and here again, although not winning the Trophy, we crept up a bit as compared with last year. Where we did really shine was in the Transport Competition—our Turn-out being second only to the 1st Battalion, who, although competing, did not take any prizes.

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Great credit is due to Mr. Fawcus, the Transport Officer, and Sjt. Dodds, and all who helped by such hard work.

We also succeeded this year in getting into the final of the Brigade Football Competition, by beating the 5th Battalion by 3 goals to 1 ; but the 4th Battalion then proved our superiors, when the final was played off, beating us 4—1.

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Headquarters Wing won our own Inter-Company Football Competition.

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Apart from Sports and games of all sorts, the comfort of the troops was attended to in many other directions. Particular care was paid to the feeding of the men, and that there were no complaints of other than a trivial nature shows that Mr. Samwell, Quartermaster, took a tremendous interest—and not an unsuccessful one either—in this very important department, in which he was ably assisted by C.Q.M.S. Cook, our new Master-Cook, Cpl. Davidson, and the Company Cooks ; the permanent Dining Tent Orderlies ; a/R.Q.M.S. Skelly, and the staff in the Q.M. Stores—to all of whom the thanks of all ranks are due. We have adopted the " sixteen men in Mess " system of feeding, and this worked very well indeed this year.

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In addition, we had our own Canteen—both wet and dry—and the Coffee Bar was particularly successful. A large sum of money was turned over, and the welcome profits from this will come in very useful to the P.R.I. in replacing sports gear and in providing the hundred and one things that are always required (although there are some vile minded people who allege he is buying up " rows of houses "!).

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There was a large Y.M.C.A. tent in the Camp, also a N.A.A.F. Institute, both of which were well patronised.

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One more point was the fact that the Quartermaster had wangled absolutely split new tents out of the Ordnance throughout the Company lines. We therefore looked very spick and span.

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The Big Battle was arranged for Thursday, 3rd July, and the 7th Battalion, along with the Northumberland Hussars and the 287th Battery R.A., were in defence, protecting Richmond from an attack by the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, together with the rest of the 72nd Brigade R.A.

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Colonel Robson was in command of the defending force, and, to cut a long story short, his dispositions were so cunningly selected as to wear down the attack in its earliest stages, and ultimately to hold it up definitely. This happened at about 2.45 p.m., and our men vacated their positions and closed on the field cookers, which were steaming away at Force Headquarters, and they were regaled there with an excellent dinner under ideal weather conditions—which was greatly enjoyed, and very beneficial too.

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One of the amusing incidents of the day arose about five minutes after " the enemy " were supposed to cross a line miles away from us—right in front of the main position—when " C " Company sent in a series of frantic messages saying that they were being assailed on all sides by Infantry and Tanks—with umpires decimating their ranks with alleged casualties, and generally playing the band with them. It ultimately transpired that they had got involved in a battle belonging to

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the 150th Brigade, who were fighting on the adjacent area. Matters were not straightened out before a very optimistic Platoon Commander of "C" Company had "closed" his troops on the 150th Brigade "stand fast" sounding—this about 12.00 hours. Experience will no doubt teach him that on a Brigade Day rarely, if ever, does the battle cease before schedule time. (*Note.*—A definite indication as to a reasonable time to consider suitable as the end of the war can generally be arrived at by finding out when the Yeomen must water their horses. Until such time Platoon Commanders should remain hidden.

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All mounted Officers foregathered at a chosen spot for a pow-wow after the battle was over—at which some very interesting points were brought out.

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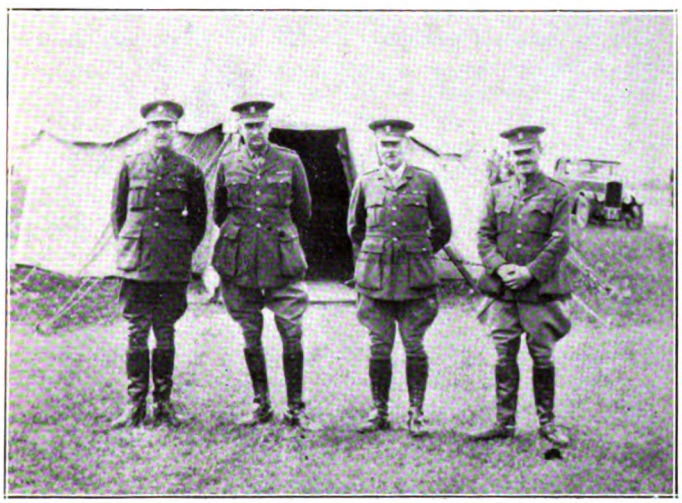
Our Battalion marched back into camp about 5 p.m., and



"SOUVENIR OF SCARBOROUGH."

MAJOR WATSON, COL. BOOTH, COL. WRIGHT, MAJOR COWEN.

(Who attended Scarborough Camp in 1920.)

only just in time to escape a short, though sharp thunderstorm, accompanied by torrential rain. Lucky!

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Each Wednesday evening the Massed Drums of the Brigade beat at Retreat and Tattoo, and very well they did it!

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The various Bands took it in turns to play on the Brigade Football Ground for an hour or so during the afternoons, and in this way we were privileged to have the splendid Band of the 1st Battalion playing to us. The Drums of the 1st Battalion also beat on the Brigade Parade Ground on Thursday, the 3rd July, and they attracted tremendous attention by their very clever display.

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We had two official Guest Nights in the Officers' Mess, but owing to the large number of Units to visit, everyone invited could not accept; therefore we had an unofficial Guest Night almost every night.

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Our first was on the first Tuesday in Camp, and the second followed the next Wednesday; and on each occasion we entertained a goodly number of friends from the other units in the Division.

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We had the honour of Colonel Booth's company to dinner on Friday, 27th June—on which night the Serjeants had their "Smoker," and he accompanied Colonel Robson and our Officers to the Serjeants' Mess, where he was given a tremendous reception.

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He sang "Cappy" in fine style—and here we should mention in passing that someone who should have known much better expressed surprise that "Cappy" was a dog, and not a battle, or something!

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On another night we had Colonel Herbert; also General Newcome (Divisional Commander); and General Stephens (Director-General of the Territorial Army).

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There were some wonderful "shows" put on after dinner at the various Battalions' Guest Nights. A Captain of the 1st Battalion was always to the fore—right in the thick of it, and seemingly enjoying every second—every knock, bruise, and everything else! Oh! how we all wish we had his terrific constitution!

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How the time flew! One wonders now how it was all done. The 149th Infantry Brigade is certainly greatly indebted to the 1st Battalion for finding such excellent Specialist Officers—quite apart from the presence of the whole Battalion; and whoever thought of the scheme of sending Regular Units to camp with Territorial Brigades deserves special mention. There can be no doubt, so far as we are concerned at all events, of the success of the "Territorial" Year.

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The final thrill came on Saturday morning, the 5th July, when the 1st Battalion marched out, just after 8 a.m. All the troops under the R.S.M.'s paraded in the fields at the roadside past which the 1st Battalion had to march, while the Officers chose their own points of vantage.

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The Brigade Commander, accompanied by his four Commanding Officers, rode on to the Parade Ground and addressed the 1st Battalion, thanking them for the assistance they had afforded the 149th Brigade.

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The 7th Battalion Band then had the honour of marching them off the parade ground, where the massed drums of the Brigade "took up" and played them to Halfpenny House.

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Meantime, some of our Officers formed a mounted squadron, and after galloping miles across country, met the 1st Battalion about half way on the road to Leyburn, where they were to entrain.

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In our "send off" we tried to show our regular brothers what a very high opinion we have of them, how much we appreciated their company and services in camp, and also how we all mean to uphold the glorious traditions of the "Old and Bold."

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Followed the usual sad task of packing up . . . then at 4 a.m. on Sunday came Reveille, with parade at 6.20 a.m. for entrainment at Leyburn and departure for home stations at

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8.26 a.m. We marched past the Brigade Commander outside Leyburn Station, and he remained on the platform until the train drew out saying good-bye and Godspeed to all ranks.

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Our various detachments got safely home, all looking particularly fit and bronzed, and all were dismissed before 2 p.m. The band accompanied "A" Company to its Drill Hall at Morpeth, and the Drums played the Alnwick Detachment home.

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Before closing we want to congratulate Capt. E. G. Pemberton of the 1st Battalion on his having passed into the Staff College. He has acted as Brigade Major to the 149th Infantry Brigade for the past three camps, and therefore we have seen quite a lot of him, and we shall watch his progress with special interest. May great success accompany his studies there, and may he bring great distinction to himself and the Regiment.

Fifteen Years Ago.

"The Golden Age."

On Thursday, 1st July, 1915, the C.O. and Company Commanders rode up to Pheasant Farm, the headquarters of the 5th Battalion, to reconnoitre a new sector of trenches just to the right of where we had been the last time in the line. Accompanied by guides, a tour of the front and support trenches was made and all details for the relief fixed up, and our opposite numbers of the 5th Battalion entertained us to tea before we left.

In this part of the line the communication trenches were better the further they were from the front, and at one point, quite close to the support line, there was only a hedge between us and the enemy. In crossing the two or three gaps that existed in this hedge, our party must have been spotted by the Huns as a "whizz-bang" battery was turned on to us and we were followed by its attention for the first part of our journey round the line. Some of the shells burst very close to us, but we suffered no casualties, although the M.G.O. was knocked down by a splinter, which fortunately hit one of the brass bits of his equipment, and merely winded him.

On the way back through Neuve Eglise we came in for a bit of shelling by 5.9.'s and had a nasty few minutes of it. It was astonishing on reaching the western end of the village to see the inhabitants, all congregated, watching their homes being shelled, but they seemed to look upon it as quite an ordinary occurrence, and immediately the shelling ceased they returned home, some, no doubt, finding a house or part thereof deficient. Unfortunately, they had no Quartermaster to indent upon for replacements of houses destroyed by shell fire!

But there was one thing the Old Bosche could be relied upon for hereabouts, viz:—his method: apparently he had fixed days and times (more or less) for shelling the various villages, and he pounded them with great precision, a shell or a salvo every so many minutes, and once he had had his bit of hate he would pack up. There was little or no spasmodic shelling—thus the natives felt comparatively safe in returning to their domiciles on the conclusion of a "Straffe" and provided they escaped the first round of the next shoot, they would have time to withdraw some distance and wait with what patience they could muster (and they seemed blest with plenty of that) until "Cease Fire."

Next evening we marched by Companies and relieved the 5th Battalion, spending four very peaceful days in the front and support trenches. The village of Wulverghem was just behind the line, and in some of the gardens there strawberries were to be found—which naturally did not last long, however.

We had numerous visits from the Staff—Brigade, Divisional Corps and Army, and in consequence a lot of cleaning up had to be done. The antics of an aeroplane "spotting" for the gunners used to give us something to look at and speculate upon during a great part of the hours of daylight (although the guns were by no means firing all day), and this was said to be the "Mad Major" about whom so much has been written since. We heard, and no doubt improved upon, all sorts of stories about this gentleman.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 6th July, the 5th Battalion relieved us once more, and we marched back to rest at Aldershot Camp again.

On the 8th we had an inspection and address by the Earl of Cavan, who had recently assumed command of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division. He gave us a bit of praise for our work in the Salient, and also some inkling of our future. Whereas up at Ypres we had been badly attacked and so on, in very bad and almost indefensible positions, here we had Kemmel Hill with its excellent defences. He said the Huns were almost sure to make a determined attack upon us in order to capture that strategetic point, the only feature of any importance in our line, and the highest spot in our part of Belgium, which, if this suceeded, would mean a considerable withdrawal of our forces both to the north and south, the abandonment of Ypres, etc., etc. But he told us that he felt confident we would not yield an inch, but cheerfully embrace the opportunity of getting a bit of our own back by definitely beating off any assaults made upon us, and by accounting for thousands of Germans.

We really did not feel inclined for any such bloody encounter, but the fact that we had good defences to occupy certainly was comforting, and we felt that we would be able to give a good account of ourselves if called upon. But we were not sorry, really, not to be attacked—rather pleased, in fact, to be able to spend our days in almost perfect peace, nearly as quiet in the line as out of it.

Our period of rest came to an end on Saturday, 12th June, on which day we had a Church Parade just prior to marching up to relieve the 5th Battalion.

By this time we had learned that Sunday was the Bosches' favourite "Straffe" day—whether he got his ration of ammunition or what it might be, no one could say—so it did not surprise us to have a livelier day on Sunday, the 13th July, than we had so far experienced since leaving the Ypres front. Our Divisional Artillery was still armed with the old fifteen-pounder and five-inch howitzers which were supposed to have been condemned shortly after the South African War, and shells being by no means plentiful our retaliation was but a feeble affair. Unfortunately a lot of our shells burst prematurely, so at about this time we were given a beautifully-coloured flag to wave to the rear in the event of shots falling short.

The following days passed quietly until the evening of Wednesday, the 14th, when the Battalion (less machine guns) was relieved by the 1st and 2nd Canadian Battalions and marched back to Aldershot Camp. At dawn the next morning our two Vickers guns were relieved by no less than 14 Colts. Relief being unwise by daylight the machine gun section spent the day in complete rest in the trenches other than showthe Canadians round; and really they scored off the Battalion as it had been a very wet night, pouring the whole time the relief was in progress. Just before dusk the Germans began to shell Neuve Eglise and great cheers went up from their trenches when the church burst into flames. Having succeeded

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in hitting that beautiful building they appeared satisfied and shut up shop for the night—which suited our machine gunners admirably, who at dusk marched to Souvenir Farm where the limbers were waiting and then on to bivouac close to Aldershot Camp for the night.

Another draft of three new Officers joined us here; and the new field cookers were issued, which finally put to rest the rumour that we were to go home to re-fit.

At 8 p.m., on the 16th July, we fell in and marched further south to Armentieres. We proceeded through the town, and found very comfortable billets in the Lunatic Asylum.

This was the beginning of what has since often been termed "The Golden Age" of the Battalion, and for the next few weeks we had a very pleasant war. Good trenches, good weather, a lack of severe shelling, etc., all combined to make life well worth living—and, in addition, on the day after arrival at Armentieres, on Saturday, 17th July, our first leave party went off for six days to the United Kingdom. Thus a further zest was given, and we all had something very definite to look forward to.

The Company Officers started reconnoitering the trenches we were to occupy on the Saturday afternoon, and we had a good chance to look round.

The Divisional front was roughly divided into two main sectors—the Chapelle d'Armentieres sector on the right, and the Houplines sectors on the left.

Our first sector was the former, and we rode up to a small brewery (not functioning unfortunately) some two miles behind the line, where we left our horses and proceeded *via* "Plank Avenue"—an extraordinary communication trench formed by single planks supported by joists, following the course and in the bed of a small stream which happened to run in the right direction—to the support line, where we met our opposite numbers, and who escorted us round what was to be our new residence.

The front line was near the top of a ridge, with the Huns on top, of course, as usual. Several fortified houses, or rather ruins thereof, were incorporated in the front line system of defence, and the trenches themselves were as a whole the best we had so far seen. There were a lot of shelters, or so-called dug-outs, although they would not have stopped a shot from a peashooter in most cases. The machine gun emplacements were plentiful, and the fire trench was well traversed and provided with a good fire step. Altogether a very desirable estate, excellent shooting (of Huns) rights, and well stocked!

The Battalion moved up on the 20th, leaving billets at 9 p.m., and relieved the 5th Borders without incident. Four of the most pleasant days we had had since leaving England were spent here, until the evening of the 24th July, when we were relieved by the 4th Yorkshire Regiment, and marched to the town of Armentieres, where the troops were very nicely billetted in the Blue Factory, while the Officers were provided with real beds with sheets complete at the Convent just across the road.

Here we spent six days undergoing more or less peacetime training. We had definite parades each morning and afternoon, and then those not actually on picquet or other duty were free to roam as they willed.

Armentieres in those days was really a wonderful town, in full swing, although only a bare three miles from the German front line. Estaminets galore were open and did a roaring trade, and there was a very fine café in the main street, where excellent afternoon tea, coffee, and ices could be obtained. There was also "Lucienne's" (or the Woolly Bear), where the most sumptuous dinners were provided.

For the first time since leaving England we were able to have a properly organised Officers' Mess, in the Convent, and this was very pleasant.

All the Sisters at the Convent were kindness personified, and nothing was too much trouble for them. One, an Irish girl, was a great favourite and very nice it was to be able to converse with her. She presented many of the Officers and men with a little medallion for "Good luck" before we left.

Altogether things were almost too good to be true.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
July, 1930.

WATHGILL Camp has infected our Battalion correspondents with a mild form of photomania. We are truly sorry that we are unable to reproduce all the touching scenes of camp life that were sent to us, but had we done so, the *Gazette* would have either become all pictures and no MS., or else of such a size that the Post Office would have failed to cope with it. After eliminating the duplicates we had to weed out such a large quantity that no one would believe us if we told them what the number was. Let it go at that. We apologise to all those who eagerly and disappointedly search the columns of their *Gazette* for their own portraits.

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Letter to the Editor.

Holmleigh,
Walton St. Mary,
Clevedon.
15th July, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

In the *Times* of Monday, 14th July, is a very interesting picture of "Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua," together with a leading article describing this remarkable relic of the British Navy in Nelson's day.

The 3rd Battalion were quartered in Antigua from May to July, 1902, and as many survivors may like to be reminded of these relics I send you the article.

To me it is most interesting, because I visited that dockyard, and saw what the *Times* describes. I also saw several posters of pantomimes and other entertainments, Ships and Garrison Orders, displayed on the walls of living rooms and sheds, which

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had been issued by H.M. ships of thirty and forty years earlier than my visit.

The dockyard itself was a miniature facsimile of one, and kept in beautiful order by one man, as far as I could see. All was deserted, but the evidences of past work remained and were most lifelike. "Clarence House," built for Prince William, was actually lent to some of us by the Acting Governor, and we stayed there on more than one occasion—to our great relief from tropical heat and its discomforts.

I could write more of the impressive old military cantonments there—now derelict—and graves of 5th Fusilier Officers and men, for the FIFTH were quartered in Antigua a short time before the Crimean War, to the best of my belief. I believe I am right in saying that the last regiment to be quartered in Antigua was the 54th, who left the Island in 1854.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. STURGES, *Colonel*,

(Late Comdg. 3/5th Fusiliers.)

The article which was a leader in the *Times* of 14th July is as follows :—

Where Nelson Lived and Married.

"We publish on another page this morning a picture of a group of buildings in the Island of Antigua, in the Leeward Islands, which are among the most remarkable of the surviving relics of the British Navy of Nelson's day. Chief among them is the Admiral's house where Nelson lived in 1786 and 1787. He was at that time Senior Captain on the station, commanding H.M.S. *Boreas*, and was Acting-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief after the departure for England in 1786 of Admiral Sir Richard Hughes. The future King William IV. came out to the station in the same year, as Captain of H.M.S. *Pegasus*, and when, in March, 1787, Nelson married Mrs. Newbit, Prince William gave the bride away. On the hillside opposite the dockyard a house was built for Prince William. "Clarence House" still stands and is now the summer residence of the Governor. Nelson revisited Antigua again and sailed from English Harbour for the last time on the long chase of Admiral Villeneuve, which was the prelude to Trafalgar.

"The other buildings of the dockyard were most of them practical workshops. The visitor who passes the porter's lodge and guard house which stand on either side of the main gates sees a long room which formerly held the paint and tar and pitch for caulking ships. The rings which the bases of the heavy casks formed on the escaping pitch still mark the floor. The mast house and joiners' loft, the engineers' workshop and the blacksmiths' shop all remain just as they were in the great days of the West Indian Station. The cordage, canvas and clothing store contains some of the original wooden capstans, of immense size, and the copper and lumber store is still full of pieces of copper and lead. Anchors and massive cauldrons for boiling the pitch, old cannon used as posts and the round stone pillars of a great boathouse, all bear evidence to the vigorous past of Antigua as a naval base. But the most striking building after the Admiral's house is the long building that was once the Officers' quarters. The upper part is of timber, reached by a double flight of stone steps, while the lower part is of stone and was constructed to hold at need a hundred tons of water, conveyed by pipes, which are still in working order, to the ships by the quayside. The timber part of the Officers' quarters was badly injured by a hurricane in 1928, and the authorities of the Island are now taking steps to prevent the collapse of many of the buildings. The Governor of the Leeward Islands, Colonel St. Johnston, has been successful in recovering some of the old pieces of furniture which were sold off by auction to the inhabitants of the Island many years ago, and the Admiral's House is now their final home. But the Government of the Island are still endeavouring to raise some £5,000 in order to preserve for the future the whole dockyard as it stands, a singularly impressive memorial of the great days of the British Navy in the reign of George III."

Old Comrades' Association Notes.

London Area.

A GENERAL MEETING was held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 2nd July, 1930, there being upwards of sixty present, including Col. D. Sapte, Hon. Treasurer, Major G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O., Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.

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The Chair was occupied by Major G. L. F. Leverson, in the unavoidable absence of our President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes.

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The following were the main items dealt with :—

Secretary's Report.—Mention was made of the happenings of the O.C.A. since the last General Meeting, featuring (1) membership of the O.C.A., increased so far this year by 32. (2) Efforts to obtain employment for those comrades who were seeking it, also assistance obtained and advice given to 18.

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St. George's Day and Wreath Ceremony Accounts.—The accounts respecting both these happenings were produced for passing, having been already perused and recommended for passing by the Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. F. Feeney, seconded by Mr. A. E. Edgar, and carried, that the accounts be passed; and that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman, Entertainment Committee, and Committee (Mr. P. Haydon), also the Hon. Secretary, for the splendid arrangements made, both for the St. George's Day Celebration and Wreath Ceremony, the former of which was attended by a record muster, thereby having achieved their object of fostering the *esprit-de-corps* of the Regiment.

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Entertainment.—Following on the suggestion of Mr. A. G. Edwardes that some form of entertainment should be held on a Saturday night, it was recommended to the members by the Committee that a Concert be held at the Feathers Hotel, The Broadway, Westminster, S.W., which rendezvous was vacant on Saturdays.

This project was discussed at length, due to many members still prefering to hold a Dance.

It was ultimately proposed that a Concert be held on Saturday, the 4th October, 1930, at the above-mentioned rendezvous, and that a Dance be held at Headquarters after the general meeting on Wednesday, 8th October. This was proposed by Col. D. Sapte, seconded by Mr. W. H. Matthews, and carried.

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Newcastle O.C.A.—We wish them every success in their new venture *re* the Club. It is doubtful whether such a venture would be a success here in London, owing to the distances members would have to travel.

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We welcomed, amongst others, Drum-Major J. H. Hebbron at the General Meeting, and as he will soon be returning to civil life every effort is being made to place him in suitable employment.

H. T. MORGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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The Editor's Corner.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The undermentioned Officer, from the Supplementary Reserve of Officers, to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 29th August, 1930):—Lieut. Sir H. C. de M. Haggerston, Bt., North'd. Fusiliers.

The undermentioned Gentleman Cadet, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 28th August, 1930):—L. D. Way.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—K. A. Clark (late Cadet Sjt., Durham Sch. Contgt. Jun. Div. O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 27th August, 1930).

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Obituary.

The late Duke of Northumberland.

A very deep sense of feeling of loss is felt, not only in Northumberland, but indeed in the whole country, by the death of the Duke of Northumberland, which took place in London on 22nd August, in his 50th year, after a courageous struggle with an illness in which recent bulletins seemed to justify hopes of improvement.

The late Duke's activities in public life have been fully dealt with elsewhere. In the county of Northumberland his loss is irreparable. A man beloved by all classes with the very highest sense of duty both to his county and to his country. He was Honorary Colonel of the 6th and 7th Battalions Northumberland Fusiliers, Chairman of the Northumberland Territorial Association and a Patron of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

THE LATE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.
(Photo by courtesy of "Newcastle Journal.")

He had been Lord Lieutenant of the county of Northumberland for the past 13 years. By virtue of his rank, the Duke filled the position of Patron, President and Chairman of a multitude of institutions. This meant innumerable calls upon his munificence and they were readily responded to.

The late Duke served in the Grenadier Guards and served in three campaigns—South Africa, 1901–2, The Sudan, 1907–10, and the Great War. As a politician he was best described as a Die Hard. He hated Socialism and Bolshevism and was all for preserving the old order. As a young man in speeches he frequently warned his hearers against the oncoming advance of Bolshevism. His study of Moscow grew until he became one of the most well-informed critics of Sovietism that this country has known.

On his extensive estates round Alnwick and in other parts of the county the Duke was respected by the tenantry as a model and generous landlord. He had a lofty conception of his duty to help and encourage all movements for the welfare and happiness of the neighbourhood where he lived.

The Percy family is prominently linked up with the history of England, and in early days with the history of the FIFTH.

The Percy family from the earliest ages seemed to thrive on battle, and perhaps the most notable of all the Percys of the early times was "Harry" Hotspur.

The late Duke had often been likened to "Harry" Hotspur. No matter what class of men the Duke addressed, including trades unionised workmen, he never faltered in freely expressing his ideas and his warnings.

In all parts of Northumberland where he was so much loved his death is referred to as a "National Calamity," and in these days his place is almost impossible to fill.

To the Duchess of Northumberland and her children, the Regiment, which in bye-gone days has been so associated with the Percy family, offers their heartfelt sympathy in her overwhelming loss.

The late Duke of Northumberland was buried in Westminster Abbey, Memorial Services being held simultaneously at Alnwick and at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at which latter service the Regiment was represented by the Commanding Officer of the Depôt.

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The late Mr. Alfred Brewis.

A very true friend of the Regiment and one who probably knew the History of the Regiment better than anyone else has passed away in the person of Mr. Alfred Brewis, who died at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 15th August in his 62nd year.

During the Great War he was on the Committee of the Prisoners of War Parcels Association, and in countless ways proved himself a very staunch supporter and friend to several Battalions of the Regiment. He was during the Great War a Military Representative in the city, and rendered great assistance in the formation of Commercial Battalions,

THE LATE MR. ALFRED BREWIS.
(Photo by courtesy of "Newcastle Journal.")

after the War writing the history of the 9th and 16th Battalions. He was extraordinarily well versed in the history of the Regiment, and had a unique collection of Medals, Military Trophies and Military Literature.

It was always a great delight to him to shew his interesting collection to members of the Regiment, and he was always only too glad to be able to give his assistance in matters relating to the records of the Regiment. The Regiment has indeed lost a great friend and supporter.

His funeral took place at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 18th August, the Regiment being represented by the Commanding Officer of the Depôt and two Non-Commissioned Officers bearing wreaths from the 1st Battalion and the Depôt.

To his family the Regiment tenders deep sympathy in their great loss, and would like to place on record their deep sense of gratitude for all that he did for the Regiment.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Hindlow Camp,
near Buxton,
August, 1930.

OUR last bout of camp this year bids fair to be of the utmost value as a test for the elimination of the weak, if we have any. We have been here for five days out of the five weeks we are due to stay, and it has rained for three nights and two days, the rain usually being accompanied by considerable wind. The camp is nicely water and mud-logged, and everyone is happy in spite of it.

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It reminds some of us of the winter camps behind the Ypres Canal, and a touch of reality is produced by the reports made by blasting operations in near-by quarries; this blasting being remarkably like the discharge of various guns and howitzers.

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One of the redeeming features of the camp is the proximity of the spa of Buxton, wherein one can luxuriate awhile in hot baths, bars, squash courts, lounges, cinemas, etc.

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The first week of camp is being devoted to Company Training; so far we have managed to put in two mornings on the training area; the latter a rather wild, hilly, and bleak countryside intersected by numerous stone walls—quite charming when fine, no doubt.

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The Battalion is weak in strength at the moment, Companies being about the strength of Platoons; so that we get the spectacle of a Section Leader doing scout, all numbers of the gun or rifle section, over and above his own job; a very difficult proposition for him.

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We have to regretfully record the departure and loss of Colonel Platt, who leaves us on being promoted to command a Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

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Colonel Platt joined the 4th Battalion in August, 1905, and on the disbandment of this Battalion he was posted to the 1st Battalion, with which he served in the North-West Frontier Campaign of 1908, in the Mohmand Country, where he had the great distinction of being awarded the Distinguished Service Order as a Subaltern for gallantry at the engagement of Matta. On the outbreak of the Great War he was serving at the Depôt, but very quickly joined the 1st Battalion in France, where he was wounded.

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During the War he held numerous Staff appointments, including Brigade Major, G.S.O.2 and G.S.O.1, and was made a Brevet-Major in 1917. He was mentioned four times in Despatches.

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He went to the first Staff College Course after the War, and was a Brigade Major in the Eastern and Irish Commands and in Egypt, rejoining the 2nd Battalion in India in 1922. In 1924 he was made Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel. In 1926 he took over command of the Regimental Depôt, and in 1927 he became a D.A.A.G. at the War Office.

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He will be a great loss to the Regiment, but these things will happen, and we can but wish him the very best of luck in his new sphere of military activities.

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Mr. Beckwith enters the realms of matrimony next month, and Mr. Carr-Ellison does likewise shortly. We wish them both the best of luck also.

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Mr. Bland has gone on a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon, and Captain Grimley is unfortunately in hospital with malaria.

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An account of the cricket match *versus* Sir Albert Whittaker's XI. will be found elsewhere.

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Certain senior Officers can be seen at times endeavouring to find dry places wherein to work out and write out numerous Battalion schemes. In case they require a few tips in getting the "picture" started, which is hardly likely, the following might be of some use :—

SITUATION.

"A WET Force of Amphibians is concentrating in the swamps around Muckton with the intention of wading north-eastwards to the fertile plains of York. This move is likely to be frustrated by the superior intelligence of Red Force, situated at York, which Force, though weak in numbers and armament, has always exerted a moral superiority which in the past has weighed heavily on WET Force and prevented their leaders from taking the initiative in declaring war.

"On the morning of the 30th August, 1930, WET Force moved from the Muckton area and by the evening of this day had covered half a mile and went into mudiacs for the night."

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Narratives would follow easily after this opening situation.

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The following Officers have been, or are being, attached during the month :—Lieut. J. R. Boon (Supplementary Reserve), Mr. B. B. St. G. Daly (Oxford University O.T.C.), 2nd-Lieut. T. E. Hudson (Supplementary Reserve), 2nd-Lieut. J. J. Egglishaw (Supplementary Reserve), 2nd-Lieut. P. Cruddas (4th Battalion), 2nd-Lieut. C. A. Atkinson (Supplementary Reserve).

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The Band engagements this year are as follows :—

May—Otley and Bradford.

June—Hastings, Coventry, Keighley and Dewsbury.

July—Thornton-le-Dale, York, Blackpool and Ramsgate.

August—Littlehampton, York, Colwyn Bay, Buxton, and Wallasey.

Cricket.

Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Colonel Sir A. Whittaker's XI.

Colonel Whittaker took ample revenge this year for our hard earned victory over his team last year. The match was played on 9th July at Babworth, in extremely threatening weather.

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Capt. Buckley, who captained the side in the absence of Major Sutherland, performed a dubious service for his side by winning the toss, and elected to bat first on a wicket which, though drying slowly, was inclined to play tricks.

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We made our usual disastrous start, both Mr. Fishbourne and C.S.M. Purcell being out with only seven runs scored. Capt. Grimley and Mr. Enderby made the bowling look extremely difficult for a time, and Capt. Grimley was eventually yorked with the total at 21. At this point Oates, who had been bowling very well, and had taken two out of the three wickets, was forced to retire with a badly damaged ankle. Capt. Buckley made 18 runs quickly before returning one to the bowler at 43. Mr. Laing watched Mr. Enderby make 14 runs in an over, and then retired to a safer place in the pavilion at 57. And with Mr. Enderby himself out at 67 the end appeared to be close. However, Capt. Powell, fortified by lunch, staged a dramatic come-back. He was, however, clean bowled by one that kept very low just as he was warming to his work. The innings closed for 91, in spite of Mr. Hobbs.

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After C.S.M. Purcell had taken a good catch off his own bowling to take the first wicket, the batting was for a time slow and sure, but not so the bowling.

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None of the bowlers looked dangerous, except Mr. Fishbourne, who for a short period looked like hurting somebody. Our score was passed with only four wickets down. A comic interlude from Mr. Hobbs livened up the scoring, and the fielders, considerably. And the total eventually reached 192 for 5 before stumps were drawn.

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Again we must thank Colonel Sir Albert and Lady Whittaker for their hospitality. I wonder if Sir Albert will play himself next year, if Mr. Hobbs is allowed to bowl to him.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS.

J. R. Fishbourne, c and b Oates	5
C.S.M. Purcell, c Brown, b Harris	1
Capt. E. H. D. Grimley, b Oates	7
S. Enderby, c Titchener, b Slater	30
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c and b England	18
W. D. F. Laing, b England	0
A. D. Bryant, b England	4
Capt. H. I. Powell, b Harris	11
Lce.-Cpl. Metherill, not out	9
G. P. Hobbs, b Harris	0
T. E. Bland, run out	0
Extras	6
Total	91

COLONEL WHITTAKER'S XI.

C. Harris, lbw, b Purcell	28
E. Peatfield, c and b Purcell	1
A. W. Oates, retired hurt	57
J. M. Pick, c Metherill, b Laing	1
S. Brown, run out	18
F. Slater, not out	62
S. B. Titchener, c Enderby, b Laing	7
F. England, not out	8
Extras	10
Total (for 5 wkts.)	192

Bryant, 0 for 17; Purcell, 2 for 32; Fishbourne, 0 for 31; Laing, 2 for 33 Grimley, 0 for 18; Hobbs, 0 for 37; Powell, 0 for 9.

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Serjeants' Mess.

Hindlow Camp,
near Buxton.

Again we are under canvas. This HOLIDAY is being spent near Buxton, that famous watering spa. So far the waters have had the ascendency.

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Since last month's notes Drum-Major Hebbron has left us for civil life, after completing two years with the 1st Battalion.

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We feel sure he will STEP into a SUPER-ESSENTIAL situation.

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Sjt. Huggan has also left us on completing twelve years with the 1st Battalion, mostly spent with the Drums.

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We wish them both the best of luck in their new spheres.

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We welcome Sjt. Brown (" Topper "), who has rejoined from the Military College, Camberley, and congratulate him on his promotion to W.O. II. (C.S.M.).

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Sjt. Fotherby is also to be congratulated on his promotion to that rank; also Lce.-Sjt. Young on his appointment, and Lce.-Sjt. Turnbull.

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Lce.-Sjt. Naylor, our Rugby hooker, has left us for a tour of duty at the Regimental Depôt. This lessens our chance of inflicting defeat on our Officers. We hope to see him in the near future, *minus* the WADDLE.

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Congratulations to Sjts. Hackett and Ross on obtaining a " Q.1 " at Netheravon.

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Reference matrimonial stakes of last month, " Q " Depôt has now dropped to second favourite, and a new entry in Lce.-Sjt. Turnbull has jumped to odds on, the C.S.M. of " Z " (M.G.) lying a close third.

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" Pompey 'Arry " has risen to the heights of the Blue Pennant. We trust the chickens are young and tender.

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Credit must be given to Manager Cogan on obtaining the signatures of Messrs. Davis, Gardner and Miller, of York City A.F.C. No doubt these gentlemen will improve our team, but it will mean leaving good men off when it comes to playing the Officers. Denton says he always gives way to better men, even though they be honorary members.

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As we leave off, the waters are still descending and the mud ascending.

Corporals' Club.

Hindlow Camp,
August, 1930.

The notes for this month will not be very long, owing to the indisposition of the writer. Suffice it to say that we are once more in our " wigwams," G.S. pattern. Our first night was not all that one could desire, most of us having to re-peg tents at 3 pip emma.

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Our congratulations are extended to Young Napoleon on his appointment to Lance-Serjeant, also to Lce.-Cpl. Langley on appointment to Corporal.

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In the notes of last month I made reference to the lack of faces in the fold. That has now been rectified by an influx of 27 new members.

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We welcome the following, and hope that their stay will be long and happy:—Lce.-Cpls. Franks, Pitchford, Townsley, Taylor, Punshon, Ward, Gibson, Gatenby, Lewis, Steljes, J. Armstrong, Welford, Cantwell, Russell, Elliott, Bond, Scott, Roper, Marsh, Smith, Carr, Robson, Middlemiss, T. Robson, Boyd, Gibson, and G. Cole.

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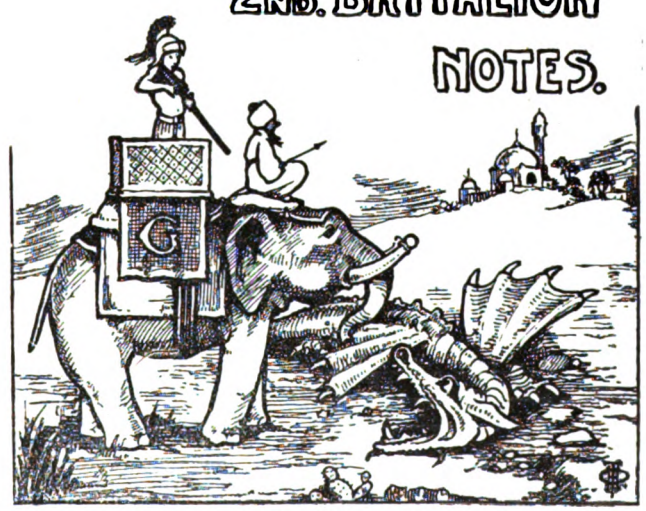
An N.C.O.'s promotion examination took place on the 6th, 7th and 8th, when there were many anxious looks on some of our members' faces.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Napier Barracks,
Lahore Cantonment,
31st July, 1930.

YET another month of the hot weather has drawn to its close, regretted by none, except it be those of the Battalion who have been so fortunate as to spend it elsewhere than in Lahore; and the sequence of monotonously similar days and weeks provide little of interest to chronicle, though possessed of the saving grace that their very monotony has caused them to pass with greater apparent speed.

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Of Indian affairs generally and the Internal Security Situation there is little need to write, for the Home Papers provide sufficiently accurate and complete accounts of all happenings

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of major importance, whilst the daily record of picketings, banned processions and seditious speeches and the consequent crops of arrests, which constitute half our reading matter in the local Press, are of little interest save to the misguided members of the Congress Party.

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As a record, however, which we in our old age may read again, and our successors in the years to come may note with interest (always provided it is permitted to play that part in the destinies of India which its merits deserve), it may be remarked that this month has witnessed the issue of the Simon Commission Report.

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So far as Internal Security in relation to the Battalion has been concerned, the only flicker of interest aroused was when orders were given for the drawing of a number of pick-helves as an answer to the threatened picketing of the Cantonment shops. But alas, it got no further than that, for the "Picketers" wouldn't "play," and never turned out their side!

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Some of the remaining measures imposed as a result of the disturbed situation have now been removed, although the inlying picquet still functions, and the Guard retains its sandbagged emplacement.

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In this connection it has not perhaps been fully realised to what discomfort the rank and file have been put by these measures. Even sleeping night after night in heavy boots in the Plains in the hot weather, which fell to the lot of a large percentage, is a very genuine hardship. In the early stages, when it was really felt that anything might happen at any moment such things could be accepted with equanimity, if not with enthusiasm, but when the first flush of the excitement had died down and the novelty had worn off, they became irksome to a degree. Under these circumstances it is only fitting that the rank and file should be accorded a word of praise for their never failing cheerfulness and good behaviour.

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In the case of the Officers a restriction, the removal of which has been much appreciated, was that entailing residence when on leave within 24 hours' notice of recall.

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This, although ruled to permit of a visit to Srinagar or Gulmarg in Kashmir, had effectively prohibited any wandering further afield, and shooting, or at least the pursuit of any of the larger game. Reverting to local Lahore news. The rains having really "broken," proved as usual, something of a mixed blessing by rendering the intervening hot spells uncomfortably sticky and by bringing forth multitudes of winged and crawling creatures. Moreover the resultant pools and marshes and the quickly-growing vegetation have necessitated the introduction of strenuous "Anti-malaria" measures.

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Against this, however, on the asset side must be placed the re-sowing of the Regimental Garden, with the promise of future abundant supplies of vegetables which, thanks largely to the interest and expert knowledge of Capt. Wombwell, did so much last year to relieve the monotony of, and save many hundreds of rupees to, the Battalion Messing.

As the "accommodation" provided in the Royal Air Force lines for the 1st/4th P.W.O. Ghurka Rifles (who were brought down from Bakloh to reinforce the garrison at the end of April) was most unsuitable, we have now allotted them quarters in Napier Barracks, where, we trust, they are not too uncomfortable.

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Other changes and movements during the past month can be tabulated briefly as follows:—

"D" (M.G.) Coy. (Maj. Braddell, Mr. Foster and Mr. Milward) from Napier Barracks to Dagshai.

"A" Coy. (Maj. Baxter and Mr. Hobbs) from Dagshai to Birdwood Barracks.

"C" Coy. (Capt. Trenam and Mr. Clifford) from Birdwood to Napier Barracks.

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Lt.-Col. Foster inspected the Dagshai Detachment early in the month, and remained for a few days change of air.

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Maj. Baxter and Mr. Humphreys left for Gulmarg on two months' leave, motoring through in one day from Rawalpindi. Report has it that they have developed into golf fiends and have entered as the Regimental Team for the Inter-Regimental Foursomes. Incidentally, we are sorry to learn that Mrs. Baxter has been seedy.

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Mr. Hobbs has returned from his short leave in England, looking very fit, and quite recovered from the attacks of dysentery which he suffered at home.

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Mr. Clifford has gone to Dagshai for the remainder of the "Hot Weather," as Station Staff Officer.

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Mr. Martin, the only Officer, who, as he mournfully emphasises, is debarred under the "Regulations" from ever visiting the Hills "on duty," slipped away for what he reports to have been a very pleasant ten days at Simla, where he stayed with Mr. Ingledew.

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Mr. Bradford has returned from Srinagar, where it is understood, he underwent a new form of American Endurance Test, in the form of a twelve-a-side Pyjama Picnic Party lasting continuously for 48 hours.

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Mr. Bolster has also returned, with, to the relief of the co-directors, the "Whippet" more or less intact. He reports that his polo in Kashmir was very enjoyable, but latterly spoilt by the rains.

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Both Mr. McNaulty and Mr. Williamson have, we regret to say, been in hospital, but the latter has now gone to Dalhousie for a few days' convalescence.

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Games in Lahore have continued of course, though under difficulties, owing to the constant moves and changes, and the climatic conditions. Matches have been played by Company and Group Teams against corresponding teams of other Units with varying success.

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The chief recreation of the Officers has been Squash Rackets (including an excellent hybrid four-handed game played in a large court with a hardish rubber ball); Tennis, and latterly Golf. In the last named we are pleased to record something

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of a triumph in the victory of a team of six representing the Regiment, but actually the sum total of players with the Battalion in Lahore, over a team of Officers captained by the Brigade Major, the results being as follows :—

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FIFTH FUSILIERS.		BRIGADE MAJORS.	
Capt. Hogshaw	1	Major Morgan	0
Mr. Martin	½	Capt. Smith	½
Mr. Bucknall	1	Capt. Patterson ..	0
Mr. Lean	0	Maj. Brander	1
Mr. Bradford	0	Maj. Lunn	1
Mr. Hesketh	1	Capt. Foote	0
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An item of news from the greater world outside India, which came as a surprise, for we had seen no preliminary notice, was that of the marriage of Lt.-Col. Philip Rushbrooke. We take this opportunity of congratulating him most heartily and wishing him and his bride many years of happiness.

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Another item, this time from El Fasher. We have been privileged to read a long descriptive letter from Bimbashi Tarleton, and are delighted, though not surprised, to learn that he is finding the life out there much to his liking, and indeed he already appears to be falling under the spell of that dark, though comely mistress, Africa.

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And now, as a relief from this rather dry chronicle, we append some notes received from another source and written in somewhat lighter vein.

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The dust storm period has now given way to the rains.

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We say good-bye to that wonderful furnace-blast feeling in the air, and prepare to welcome back our old friend Amos Q Itoe.

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Bless his little heart.

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We draw our readers attention to the photo of the summer

residence of O.C. " B " Coy. as it appeared after the last dust storm.

This is one of our new married quarters only completed last cold weather.

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The photo is not included as a record of the force of the wind, but rather to set on record the result of the contract system in vogue out here.

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Our staff photographer endeavoured to persuade the inmate of this desirable residence to pose with his head protruding fron the aperture.

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He pointed out that all that was necessary was to balance two tables on top of a wardrobe and climb.

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This appears to us a most reasonable request, and we do not wonder that our photographer's feelings were hurt by the unsympathetic way in which it was received.

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On entering the Mess the other day, I was interested to see one of the most earnest of our younger generation lost in contemplation before a portrait of the great Napoleon.

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After a little hesitation, seeing that it was early in the month, I felt justified in offering him a penny for his thoughts.

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" I was only wondering," he replied, " Whether he had got his first."

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Truly a great thought!

Dagshai Detachment.

The Detachment, consisting of " D " (M.G.) Company and details, moved up to Dagshai on 3rd July, under the command of Major W. H. Braddell, and after numerous vicissitudes is now safely installed.

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Readers of *St. George's Gazette* may remember the harrowing description of the original move of the Battalion to Dagshai in April, and the vivid pen picture of the dangers of Dharampore Station therein depicted. If possible this move was carried out under conditions of even greater discomfort.

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Presumably with an eye to economy the Railway Company had decided to send both our detachment and that of the Royal Scots Fusiliers on the same train. The result was that we had to wait 2½ hours at Ludhiana for the connection to be made, thus enjoying the delights of a hot weather night such as only the Punjab can produce.

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Eventually we reached Kalka, at the foot of the Simla Hills, on the morning of the 4th, roughly three hours late, and in a torrential downpour, which was to continue without cessation for the rest of the day.

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After further delays, caused chiefly by our baggage truck being shunted on to the wrong line, loading on to the narrow gauge where the hill railway began. Those of us who know India were in no way surprised to find that there were not

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nearly enough trucks for both detachments, and the baggage was stacked in various unusual places.

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One Officer was even observed trying to force his motor-cycle through the narrow door of a 3rd class carriage. In spite of his mechanical genius in removing the handlebars he was unsuccessful in his efforts and was compelled to leave it behind.

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Owing to the road being under repair, Dharampore is no longer the station for Dagshai. Instead, the entire party was decanted on to the Kumarhatti platform, a thousand feet below Dagshai.

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Here the train was met by Mr. R. S. Surtees, who had enrolled a small army of coolies to carry the baggage up the very steep path to the Simla Road above, where the entire transport consisted of three bullock carts and a dozen donkeys. It was now five p.m., and still raining.

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Consequently a large amount of kit had to remain at Kumarhatti overnight, and it was not until noon the following day that the last donkey arrived in barracks.

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Dagshai is now surrounded by mist, and the problem of recreation is a difficult one, except for the members of the Machine Gun Cadre, who may be seen hurtling through the air, complete with tripod, at almost any hour of the day.

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On the 13th, however, a cricket match was played against the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Originally planned as an all-day fixture, it was brought to an abrupt conclusion at the luncheon interval by rain.

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Batting first, the detachment was skittled out for 35 runs, to which our opponents replied with 60 for 3 wickets.

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The pitch was extremely bumpy, and minor injuries were sustained by most members of the team. Mr. Milward, in endeavouring to avoid a fast ball, was so careless as to put his fingers in the way, and although the ball ascended a great height into the air, the wicketkeeper made no mistake in accepting the catch. He also caught Mr. Milward's topee, which had in some way become dislodged from his head. The excuse that he was attempting a leg glide received scant sympathy.

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We are very glad to have Captain Weallens, 4th Gurkhas, staying with us for the M.G. Cadre, and we trust that his visit will be profitable to himself when he attends the next course at Ahmednagar in September.

Sergeants' Mess.

Dagshai,

20th July, 1930.

Our new R.S.M., in the person of R.S.M. Dipper, D.C.M., has arrived. He only remained in Lahore a few days, a process of rejuvenation being considered necessary after his warm time travelling "east of Suez," and so he is in Dagshai getting acquainted with its hill climbing virtues and beneficent health-giving air.

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Intimation has been received that we proceed to Shanghai on the 28th February, 1931, on H.T. *Neuralia*. The married families leave for England on the 14th February, so we are given to understand. Great will be the grief experienced that day. Hubbies will be crying out of one eye, and laughing out of the other with the thoughts of the good times coming in that city of cabarets. Wives, on the other hand, will have the time of their lives—one whole year freedom, with the welcome walk to the post-office to collect the rent, which a benevolent hubby will have so thoughtfully arranged for them. Every official "Sign here, Mrs. So-and-so" will help to give colour to the old adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

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"A" Company has returned from Dagshai and taken up its abode in Birdwood Barracks, relieving "C" Company from that abode of detached independence.

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"D" (M.G.) Company, with a few of H.Q. Wing, amongst which the Intelligence Section, headed by its giant, are much to the fore, relieved "A" Company in the hills.

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This change has given "Bustie" a chance to recuperate after his long sojourn of two summers on the plains. Rumour has it that he now shaves three times a day, and that hair oil and sweet smelling powders are part and parcel of his toilette. We have yet to ascertain whether she is single or not.

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At the end of June, and after our last notes had gone to press, the old soldiers threw out a challenge to the young soldier members of the Mess. The challenge included tennis, billiards and darts, and was confidentially accepted by the young bloods, who, true to the modern spirit which now prevails, are convinced that "Youth is the deciding factor nowadays, and that age can take a back seat with its old-fashioned and conservative ideas. Unfortunately there must be a flaw in the argument somewhere, for youth came out with only one event to its credit—*i.e.*, Tennis, the old 'uns annexing the billiards and darts events. Of course after their boasts they had to try and find a decent excuse to account for their theories going wrong when put into actual practice, but we fear that to say that "the old soldiers had a good right to win, seeing the long time they've been on earth and could make use of their bow and arrow experience, which by the time they (the young soldiers) condescended to join the martial fraternity, had become an obsolete weapon," doesn't explain the decisive defeat they suffered.

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Two days later, our old rivals, the Air Force, sent us an invitation to meet them in the usual competitions of tennis, billiards and darts, and we suffered defeat from them in all events. The return on our own pitch, where we hope to retrieve some of our lost glory, has yet to take place. As a solace, however, we entertained the 7th A.C.C., R.T.C., and succeeded in winning all the above events.

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Nothing else of an "unusual occurrence" having taken place, our pen has to be laid aside until our next notes fall due.

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Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
August, 1930.

THE month of August, 1930, must surely be a record month for receiving visits from serving Officers of the Regiment. We are very glad that it should have been, as we are always pleased to receive visits from serving members of the Regiment, and more particularly from those who are seconded. We should, however, like to see an increase in the number of past members of the Regiment who visit the Depôt. During the past month our visitors included :—Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., Mr. S. Enderby, Mr. A. D. Bryant, Mr. J. R. Fishbourne, Mr. T. N. Douthwaite (5th Bn.), Mr. B. T. G. Pringle, Mr. R. F. Forbes-Watson and Mrs. Forbes-Watson, Mr. W. N. C. Crawhall, Mr. R. C. Stockley, Sjt. Huggan and Cpl. Barber (both late 1st Bn.).

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Lt.-Col. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., paid us an official visit on the 11th August, his visit on the 23rd July, as reported in our notes last month, having had to be unavoidably postponed.

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We were particularly glad that Lt.-Col. Platt was able to spare time to pay us a farewell visit. We were very glad to see him looking so well, and offer him our heartiest congratulations on having been selected to command the 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment. We take this opportunity of wishing both him and Mrs. Platt every success in the future and hope that they will visit the Regimental Depôt whenever opportunity offers.

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During the past month we have received official visits from the following :—Brigadier i/c Administration, Northern Command, and Lt.-Col. V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O. (D.A.A.G. Northern Command), O.C., R.A.S.C., Catterick and Northumbrian Area, G.S.O. for P.T., Area Education Officer and the D.C.R.E.

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The Depôt proceeded on leave for August Bank Holiday week-end.

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2nd Lieut. C. A. Atkinson's (S.R.O.) attachment to the Depôt was unfortunately cut short owing to him meeting with an injury to his knee. We are glad to learn that he has now recovered sufficiently to be able to join the 1st Battalion at Hindlow Camp, Buxton.

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2nd Lieut. B. Gray (5th Bn.) is now carrying out a three weeks' attachment to the Depôt. He is studying for Certificate " A " and we hope that he will have defeated the Examiner (Part I. Practical) by the time that these notes appear in print.

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As reported in these columns last month, the Depôt once again furnished the Staff for No. 1 Battalion at the Junior Division O.T.C. Camp, Strensall, from 28th July to 6th August, 1930. The Depôt were represented by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Battalion Commander), Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C., Assistant Battalion Commander, Lieut. and Adjutant C. W. Holdsworth Hunt, Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke (Demonstration Officer), R.S.M. G. E. Brockelsby, D.C.M., L/Sjt. W. Graham, (A/R. Q.M.S.), Sjt. Frayne, L/Sjt. Gray, L/Sjt. Jamieson, A/Sjt. Watson, Sjt. Annison, Sjt. Cross, A/Sjt. Luke (Training Cadre), Dmr. Rarity and Dmr. Stockton (Storemen), Fus. Carradice (Orderly Room Clerk), and Fusiliers Ellison, Allinson, Fee and Sinclair. It was unfortunate that the last few days of the camp were so wet, but the cadets were in excellent spirits throughout, the demonstrations, if we may say so, were better than ever, and the Battalion were much indebted to our neighbours of the 97th Field Battery R.A., for the splendid way in which they risked the lives of their horses, not to mention the lives of our cadets!

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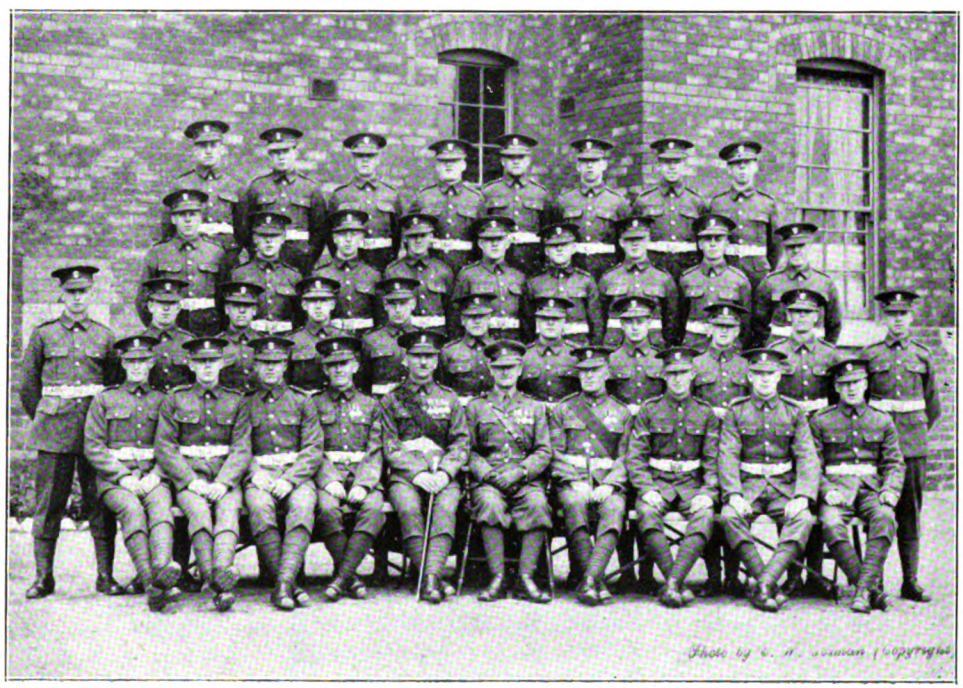
Some twenty-five per cent. of the Depôt Staff, including Mr. Clark and the Training Cadre, are now on leave prior to settling down again to winter training.



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F. Williams, P. Sweeney, O. Hinton, F. Mullen, J. Murray, D. Matthews, W. Cook, J. Fairweather.

J. Harrison, J. Palfreeman, J. Howe, H. Todd, M. Donaghie, M. Hall, E. Hill, R. Turnbull, E. Theakstone.

E. Hudson, G. Graham, R. Marshall, R. Hird, H. Holgson, A. Turner, M. Dempsey, J. Sheriff, H. Clarke, T. Wilson, A. Swann, M. King, G. Wright, F. Casey, Cpl. E. Jarmain, Lce.-Cpl. F. Lawson, G. Giles, H. Leighton, C.S.M. A. C. Moon, Capt. D. S. Lindsey, M.C., Sjt. C. H. Chislett.

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We wish to thank Mr. Edward Reed for having so kindly presented J. G. Millais' book, "Life of Frederick Courtenay Selous, D.S.O." to the Officers' Mess.

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We publish, without comment, the following extract from *The Berwick Advertiser* of 24th July :—

Celebration next Year.

THE FIFTH FUSILIERS' COMPLIMENT.

August 5th, 1931, will mark the 50th year since the King's Own Scottish Borderers took over at the Depôt, Berwick. On that date the 5th Fusiliers moved out to proceed to their new Depôt at Newcastle, and the Borderers (then known as the King's Own Borderers) came in from York, which had been their Depôt for some time.

It was a memorable day when the old "Fighting Fifth" went out and the Borderers came in. Headed by the Artillery Militia Band, the FIFTH marched to the Station accompanied by a large following of townspeople, and as the troops entrained, the Fife Band of the Fusiliers played "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and "Auld Lang Syne." In the afternoon the Borderers arrived, and they were accorded a fine reception. The Pipe Band marched up and down the platform playing "Blue Bonnets over the Border," and then through cheering crowds, and headed by the Militia Band, they marched to their new quarters.

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The following are to be congratulated on having passed for promotion to their next higher rank :—

L/Cpl. Canvin ; subject F(i), and completes Part I.
L/Cpl. Ward, subject D.
Cpl. Watson, subjects A, B, C, D, E, and completes Part II.
Cpl. Sylvester and Cpl. Dunlop, subject F(ii).
Cpl. Luke, All subjects and completes Part II.
Cpl. Johnston, subjects A, B, C, D, E, F(i).
Cpl. Reid, subjects A, B, D, E, F(i).

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A Welfare Centre has been established in the Barracks, and will be directly under the control of the Medical Officer of Health for Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who will provide a skilled nurse free of charge to lecture on the subject of Child Welfare. Meetings will be held once a fortnight, in the Institutes, on alternate Thursdays. Teas are provided, and married families whether on or "off the strength" are earnestly invited to attend.

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Our 2nd Battalion readers may be interested to learn that Capt. Cooper is still playing tennis to some purpose. In May and June he played in League Matches for Brandling L.T.C. In the Ryton Open Tournament he won the mixed doubles beating the holders in the final in two straight sets. In the North Northumberland Open Tournament he reached the semi-final of the Open Singles and only lost against J. G. Macintosh, of Aberdeen—(7-5, 1-6, 5 7).

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We welcome Capt. and Mrs. Wombwell, and hope they really feel that in coming to the Depôt they are merely returning "home." Capt. Wombwell, though still a mere shadow of his former self, is certainly looking much better, We hope that he will greatly benefit from Newcastle air.

April Squad, who should have been drafted to the 1st Battalion earlier this month, are being retained at the Depôt pending the return of the Battalion to York from Hindlow Camp, Buxton. They are now encamped at Ponteland Ranges where they are firing Table "A" and indulging in a little P.T. and other forms of mild training.

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We refrain from giving an account of the Annual Cricket Match between the Garrison and the Borderers as doubtless this will be fully dealt with by the 6th Battalion sub-Editor.

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For the last five weeks we have received 100 tickets weekly for the recruits to attend the first house at the Hippodrome Theatre. This has been very much appreciated by all concerned and to the Manager we tender our thanks. Apart from the pleasure derived, there is no doubt that these privileges have a certain amount to do with recruiting.

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Our cross-country runs take place weekly, the results up to going to press are as follows :—

1st Run	1, April Squad	137 pts.
	2, March Squad	267 pts.
	3, June Squad	312 pts.
2nd Run	1, April Squad	159 pts.
	2, June Squad	261 pts.

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RECRUITING.

Unit.	Sent in by T.A. Instrs.		Unit joined.
4th Bn.	3. C.S.M. Locke	2	1 to R.A.
	R.S.M. Blakey	1	2 rejected.
5th Bn.	6. R.S.M. Tyrell	2	1 to North'd. Fus.
	C.S.M. D'Orey	4	1 to Green Howards
			4 rejected.
6th Bn.	6. C.S.M. Holmes	4	1 to R.A.
	C.S.M. Cornes	2	5 rejected.
7th Bn.	7. R.S.M. Ratcliff	1	1 to R.A.S.C.
	C.S.M. Greaves	3	5 rejected.
	C.S.M. Beatty	3	1 to North'd. Fus.
5th Bn.	6.		1 to North'd. Fus.
6th Bn.	1. Others presented themselves		1 to Cavalry.
			1 to Scots Guards
			4 to R.A.

149th Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
149th Northumberland Infantry Brigade, T.A.,
Drill Hall,
Hutton Terrace,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
August, 1930.

WE open our Notes this month by at once pleading guilty to having suffered last month from a very serious attack of photomania. We are relieved to know however that other sub-Editors have been suffering from the same complaint.

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We hope that the Editor is by now feeling quite flattered by the fact that we at least have read the Editorial Notes for the

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month of July (incidentally of course we always do). If by now the Editor has not smelt a rat he must at least be pretty sure that something is amiss. As a matter of fact we are still suffering the after effects of photomania, and if the Editor has any more photographs left (either of ours or of the Battalion's) depicting life in Wathgill Camp, we hope he will find space to publish them. (Furthermore we hope that even if the photographs cannot be published, this paragraph be allowed to remain, for if the truth be known we are short of copy this month!) But, having suddenly remembered having been taught in the dim dark ages, when A.E.C. Officers first came into being, that "Padding never Pays," we will desist. (The Editor is requested to refrain from making any of many obvious Editorial comments).

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If this month we are short of copy, there are at least two important events to be chronicled. We publish below an account of the Church Parade which was unavoidably held over from last month (see Editorial Note, July *Gazette*), we are confident that our readers will agree with the Editor that the precis of the Padre's Sermon is far too good to be lost to the readers of the *Gazette*.

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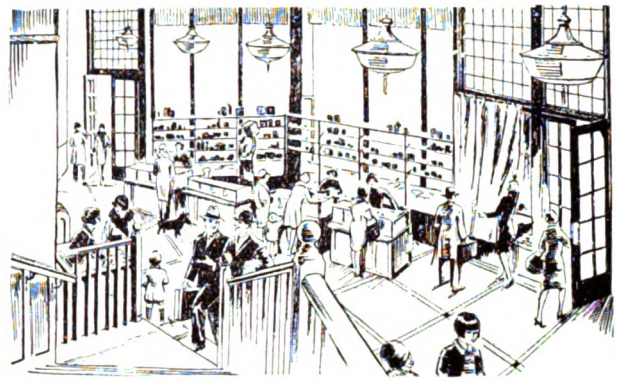
Text of the sermon preached by the Rev. F. Baker, M.A., C.F., (T.A.), at the Parade Service of the Troops under the command of Col. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., at Wathgill Camp, on 29th June, 1930.

"*Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King.*"—1 Peter ii., 17.

To-day is St. Peter's Day, and it is fitting that we should group our thoughts around something that he wrote or said. Hence my text; and what more fitting text could be chosen for such a service as this?

When St. Peter wrote this injuction to the Christians, the world was one empire—the Roman Empire. Roman soldiers maintained the law in all places, and all peoples owned their allegiance to the Roman Cæsar.

You will understand there were many forms of religion in such an empire, and in order that you may understand the force of the text, I must first explain the principle followed by the Romans in respect of controlling this great variety of religious practice. It was an age of religious liberty, a liberty, however, which had its bounds. The Romans permitted the peoples of all nations to follow their religious customs if those customs had grown up with the people and did not cause disorder and controversy. But any religion which was new and so likely to cause disorder, the Romans ruthlessly crushed. Now the religion of the Jews was Judaism—the religion of the Old Testament. So long as the Jews followed that religion they were protected by the law of Rome. But when certain Jews began to practice another Faith and worship Jesus Christ as God, then the Romans came down with a heavy hand and did all in their power to crush it out of existence. Nero, Diocletian, Marcus Aurelius are names which you may remember associated closely with this effort to stamp out the Christian Faith. Those of you who served during the Great War in Italy may have had opportunity to spend a few days' leave in Rome, and you will remember the long passages of catacombs which bear silent testimony to the endurance of those early Christians. And you may remember that huge ruin of the Colosseum, where Christians, young and old, in large numbers, were massacred for their faith.



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It is to these persecuted Christians, suffering all the hostility of the Roman Authority, that St. Peter writes "Honour all men: love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King."

Honour all men. Those who are persecuting you; those who are seeking your lives; those who are trying to crush out that faith which you hold so dear—honour them all and seek not your own vengeance.

Love the Brotherhood. Let your lives be examples of love and service one to the other. Within the Christian Fellowship let the spirit of love prevail, so that men may see that to be a follower of Jesus Christ transforms your lives. Fear God. God will overrule all to His purpose. Leave the issues of the present conflict in His hands.

Honour the King. That King who is slaying your loved ones; that King who is laying waste your Church; that King who is trying to stamp out all faith in Jesus, hold him in honour as your earthly king to whom you owe allegiance. Such was St. Peter's charge to his fellow Christians and those who read history will tell you that it was in the following of this spirit and plan that the Christian finally won Christian liberty in the reign of Constantine.

We live in different times. It no longer entails us in physical danger to be a follower of Jesus Christ. But it still demands courage and character, just as it demanded of these early Christians. And so I pass on this text to you as a plan of life and ask you to remember these four short charges.

"Honour all men." Let those of high rank honour those of lower rank, and those of lower rank honour those above them in rank. Only in this spirit can the Army continue to be a happy sphere in which men can serve together. Whatever the exigences of military service may demand in the matter of discipline, let us never forget that we are brothers in God. Good clean living whereby we are examples to one another, honourable treatment of women, the protection of those younger than ourselves—all these are involved in this command. "Love the Brotherhood." We are members of a Christian nation—a faith purchased at a great price. Let us not forget to live and act as members together of this Christian fellowship. I know that for many of you this is the only time in the year when you attend a Church Service, and so I ask you when you return to your civilian occupations to live and work together as members of a Christian fellowship. Maintain the principles of brotherhood upon the highest plane, never let it degenerate into mere comradeship. Service one of another in all the matters of life must be our ruling principle if we, as a nation, are to continue to prosper.

"Fear God." God must come first in every person's life, otherwise He occupies no position at all. God cannot take a second place. Here in the open air of this beautiful countryside we may ask ourselves, "Where does God come in our lives?" The belief in God colours all the actions of life. We can neither do our duty to ourselves or to one another unless God comes first in our lives.

"Honour the King." I need not stress to a parade of soldiers the duty of holding the King in honour. We who are soldiers in the army on the world's greatest and best Empire, count it a privilege to serve the King and become more efficient in our service of him. But honouring the King involves more than becoming efficient soldiers. It demands that we should all do our part in building up the character of the nation and making and keeping it wholesome and loyal. There is much in civil life which dishonours the King; there are many times when you hear the King and the Empire spoken of with disrespect, and there are many subversive elements in our national life to-day. It is the duty of every loyal soldier of the King to do all in his power to maintain the high traditions of loyalty and service which have been a mark of our nation in the past. How better can we do this than by seeing that our Battalions are brought up to strength and that the tone and character of the Army is maintained upon the very highest standard? This is the honour we can show to our King—not lip-service, but service which requires effort and courage.

"Honour all men; love the Brotherhood; fear God; Honour the King." This text has its message for you and me in the 20th century, just as it had for the Christians in the 1st century. Let us respond as readily as they did, and we shall find happiness and peace in our lives.

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On Saturday, 5th July, the 1st Battalion, having paraded ready to march off to Leyburn Station for their return journey to York, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. accompanied by his staff and the Officers Commanding the four Battalions of the Brigade, rode on to the Parade Ground to bid Colonel Booth and All Ranks of the Battalion farewell.

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The Brigade Commander addressed the Battalion as follows:—

"I have felt it a great privilege to command this Camp, and more particularly to have commanded that eventful parade when five Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers were inspected by their Colonel.

"I am here with my four C.O.'s to thank you for all you have done for us during the last fortnight, both collectively as a Battalion and individually.

"You have given us demonstrations, provided our skeleton enemy, taught our specialists, helped our transport, shod our horses, lent us equipment, organised and taken part in our sports, given us hospitality and taken our hospitality.

"We realise this had entailed much hard work, and we appreciate the whole-hearted way in which you have served us.

"We hope that the work we have done together may be a benefit to you as well as to ourselves. I am quite sure that the excellent demonstrations you have worked at for us must have been good training for yourselves, and we hope that the friendships formed in this Camp will strengthen the Regiment and be the means of bringing you many more recruits from your own county.

"We have always recognised our first line as one of the very best Regiments, but now we have breathed in the spirit which makes you so.

"This joint Camp was an experiment. It has been a great success.

"We thank you for your hard work, for your comradeship and above all, for your example."

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn-on-Tyne,

August, 1930.

THE months of July and August leave us cold from a Territorial standpoint. They form the autumn of our military year. Our springtime—*i.e.*, the period before camp, is full of bustle, of hope and liveliness and intensive training. It is much like the real spring, with a great awakening and preparation for our summer, which in the military equivalent

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is camp. The period following camp (now) is autumn, and like nature's autumn it has the same outward signs of decay. The dead leaves of camp are being swept away. Our time-expired men are handing in their kit ; we are clearing away the debris of musketry and other annuals, getting rid of unwanted soldiery, and generally cleaning up.

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We have recently had our Drill Hall inspected, and it has again been voted clean ; also our various documents are reported more or less in order.

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At present most doors in the Drill Hall are kept locked, the permanent Staff are feeling lonely and unhappy, the Adjutant is away recuperating, and everything is more or less dead.

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The July number of the *Gazette* being now to hand, it is interesting to note the varied comments from the various correspondents on the speech given by Sir P. S. Wilkinson to the five Battalions in camp.

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This splendid speech emphasised the necessity for remembering our glorious Regimental traditions, and adding to them. Surely this would be more easily borne in mind if there were more records available for lectures and instruction.

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All Regular Fusiliers read *St. George's Gazette*, and at certain periods in their training have all manner of facilities placed at their disposal for learning Regimental history. This is not so with Territorial soldiers, and to a great extent it is not possible.

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Would it not be possible to have Battalion, Brigade, and even a Divisional History written. Looking around in the Brigade, there are comparatively few Officers and N.C.O.'s now serving who served with their present Battalions during the war ; therefore now is the time, while we can still keep in touch with our wartime soldiers, for some good Samaritan to come forward and at least collect and edit all the information and records available.

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So far as this Battalion is concerned, we still have Colonel Cruddas with us, and we are more or less in touch with Colonel Clark, Colonel Foster, Colonel Gibson, and Colonel Robb, not to mention numerous other old Officers of the Battalion, who surely have some records and good information to give at least of their own particular activities with the Battalion.

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We see all around us good men passing away from us, who but a few years ago were active young soldiers, and every year brings forth its quota of retirements due to age and seniority, so let us make hay while the sun shines and collect as much information as possible while it is available.

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If this Battalion could produce a history, commencing from its earliest Volunteer days, it would be a book of great interest and value, even though perhaps more than half the volume would be the Great War.

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From a like endeavour in each Battalion, surely a Brigade history could be compiled, and eventually another for the 50th Division.

The sources of information are numerous and good, and even Bandmaster Forster and Sjt. Cameron would have tales to tell.

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Furthermore every year we ought to publish photographs of Officers and N.C.O.'s in *St. George's Gazette*, and in this way alone good memories are perpetuated.

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Somebody, please think about it and take it up.

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News has just reached us from South America that Mr. A. S. Todd is hoping to come home on leave next year from Uruguay where he is cattle breeding. We learn also that Mr. Todd has become engaged to be married to Senorita Magdalena Catalina Oxandaleno de Simeone, so that his trip home is likely to be in the nature of a honeymoon. He has our heartiest congratulations.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

August, 1930.

THE Editor must be as pleased as the Territorial Correspondents when the Annual Camp is over, and all news has been thoroughly duplicated and conveyed to all, in that guise, who were present at the ceremonies. This month is a particularly lean one from our point of view. So little happens of note in our Drill Hall, and most of the Officers in these commercial days of a distressed area are intent upon saving money by taking their holidays.

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We believe we have had a very thorough inspection of our Drill Hall, and all it contains—or should not contain. We hope all was well—but details—bar an odd account or two for Barrack Damages—are not in the hands of those who supply the writing on the wall.

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At the Northumberland County Association Rifle Meeting, at Ponteland, we figured in accents more or less mute. After such a successful Battalion shoot, we had great hopes that other Units must be worse than ourselves.

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Our hopes were only fears, and the amount of money we won hardly paid for the telephone calls to get the teams together.

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Still, we are improving, and the numbers we turned out were a great increase on previous years. Our stars failed to shine quite as brilliantly as was expected.

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One of our comets, our R.Q.M.S., was unfortunately absent, but Captain France and our Permanent Staff did more than their share for the Battalion. Captain France drew blood in the Association Competition and in the Chipchase Competition, while R.S.M. O'Hara was 3rd in the Permanent Staff Competition. Sjt. C. Johnston and Sjt. Rhodes also won prizes in the Aggregate and the Territorial Service Competitions respectively.

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Our Rifle Club, consisting of the Permanent Staff, Captain Bennett, R.S.M. O'Hara, and Staff-Sjt. Cornes, with Major O. G. Blayney, M.C., one of our old Officers, won the 2nd prize in the Earl Grey Shield.

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Much credit is due to the organisers of this meeting. It is well supported and exceedingly popular in all the branches of the Territorial Association in Northumberland, and a pleasure to find that so many old Territorial Officers and Other Ranks, who have done so much to promote this essential side of our training.

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We are pleased indeed to be told that our R.S.M.'s period of service with us has been extended by another year. We like our Permanent Staff as permanent as possible.

The late Duke of Northumberland.

After these notes had been written, we received news of the death of our Honorary Colonel, The Duke of Northumberland. It was right and proper that the name of "Percy" should be connected with the soldiers of Northumberland, and no better example of a good fighting spirit, tamed with difficulty to modern conditions, could have been given to us than by the life of our late Colonel. With all the inclinations of a sporting country gentleman, and vast possibilities of enjoying a life of comparative leisure to the full, the Duke set a high standard of fearless service and displayed the courage of his own convictions, under all circumstances of difficulty. The Duke's political work and his natural gift as an orator, rather obscured the fact that he was a soldier from his earliest days, and possessed a military record that alone would have justified his unique popularity.

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Telegrams of condolence were sent to the Duchess of Northumberland from the Officers' Mess and from the Serjeants' Mess, and thoughtful messages of thanks have been received in reply. In the name of all ranks, Colonel Wilkinson sent a wreath to London for the Duke's funeral at Westminster Abbey.

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We can only add, on behalf of the whole Battalion, a tribute of sincere sympathy for all the relatives of our Honorary Commanding Officer.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

22nd August, 1930.

THIS month our Notes in these columns may well be largely devoted to our successful activities at the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting, held at Ponteland during the week-end, 2nd, 3rd and 4th August, 1930.

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Always a very good show, this year's meeting (it was the 56th) was in many ways one of the best on record, although the weather conditions were atrocious. Rain began to fall on the Saturday afternoon, and before the last shot was registered at about 8 p.m., all concerned had had a thorough drenching.

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Sunday was not such a bad day, although there was a tricky wind and the light kept changing. The Monday was another soaker. Despite everything, however, the scoring was of a splendid character, and there was keen competition for places in the various competitions.

We have to congratulate ourselves—firstly for having such a representative turn-out, and secondly on capturing a record cheque for winnings.

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On the first day of the meeting our Mr. Middlemas shone

OUR WINNING MINIATURE RANGE TEAM.

brilliantly, obtaining first place in the Morpeth Lord Lieutenants County Aggregate, and the 200 yards Sweepstakes. He was also top scorer for the Chipchase Cup, but being a previous winner, he could not take the Cup a second time.

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On the Sunday there was a record entry of some 200 for the Territorial Service Rifle Championship of Northumberland—but we did not win this.

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We were second, however, in the competition for the Lockhart

7TH BATTALION ON PARADE ON THE OCCASION OF THE INSPECTION BY THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, 2ND JULY, 1930, AT WATH GILL CAMP.

Memorial Trophy, and Fus. Knox and Fus. Hope were each successful in winning a prize in the Recruits' Event.

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But it is the final day of the meeting that we are really proud of.

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We commenced by winning the Earl Grey Challenge Shield (won by the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers' Rifle Club), the team comprising :—Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, R.S.M. Ratliff, C.S.M. Croft, C.S.M. Greaves, C.S.M. Beatty.

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"A" Company next came out winners of the Lambton Challenge Trophy, thus retaining it for another year. The team consisted of C.S.M. Howey, L/Sjt. Richardson, L/Cpl. Black, Fus. McLevy, while "B" Company were good "runners up," only five points behind the winners. Team—Sjt. Tinkler, Sjt. McFadden, L/Cpl. Murphy, Fus. Mather.

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Our No. 1 Team of "D" (M.G.) Company won the Bourne Challenge Cup in the Vickers Machine Gun Competition. Team :—C.Q.M.S. Skelly, Sjt. Rutherford, Cpl. Fairnington, Fus. Matthews.

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We also took second and third places in the New Lewis Gun Competition, with "D" (M.G.) Company 67 points, and "A" Company 54 points—Sjt. Taylor and Cpl. Matthews of "D," and C.S.M. Howey and Sjt. Richardson of "A." Unfortunately we were unable to retain the "Co-operative," but live in hopes of having this back next year.

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Sufficient praise cannot be meted out to Col. Ernest Robinson, T.D., D.L., the Chief Range Officer for his heroic efforts. It was very pleasing that he should finish up by winning the Hunting Bowl in the Revolver Event, and we congratulate him on his success—but more so on account of the more important success in the splendid way in which the whole meeting passed.

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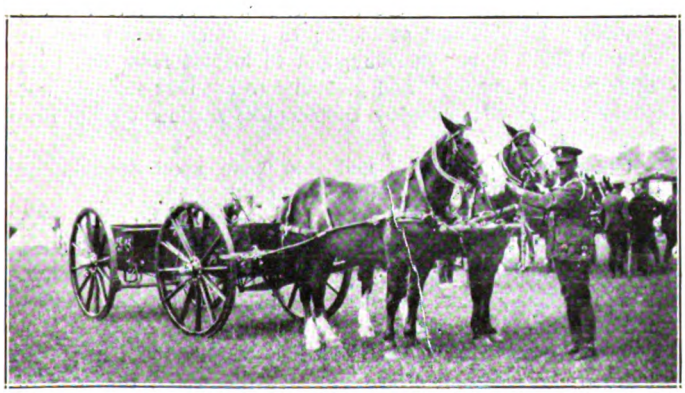
To his assistants, of which Maj. E. H. Watson was one, we also offer our hearty thanks, and hope they were none the worse for their several wettings.



OUR WINNING LIMBER IN THE TRANSPORT COMPETITION.

We note from the local Press that Maj. H. R. Smail, T.D., and Maj. F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., were alleged to be helping the cause as assistant Range Officers—but this report is erroneous as they were both on the staff of a Battalion of Cadets which proceeded to France on the 31st July, 1930, for a six days' tour of the Battlefields around Arras, with Headquarters situated in that town—so full of memories for the Old Battalion. Maj.

2ND-LIEUT. R. J. MIDDLEMASS RECEIVING ONE OF HIS PRIZES FOR SHOOTING FROM COLONEL WRIGHT.

(Photo by E. W. Gosman. Copyright.)

Smail was Adjutant, and Maj. Cowen Assistant Adjutant, and we understand that the tales they could tell of their adventures, particularly of their experiences with the 3rd Engineer Regt.—the Garrison of Arras would fill several *Gazettes* from cover to cover. 'Nuff sed! It was interesting to hear, though, that the first ship seen on arrival in Calais Harbour was the s.s. *Invicta*—the boat which transported the 1st Line 7th Battalion overseas on 20th April, 1915.

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On Sunday, 17th August, "D" (M.G.) Company had an inter-Platoon Machine Gun Competition, fired at Berwick Range ; the Officials were as follows :—

Judges.—Capt. S. H. Gallon and C.S.M. W. Crofts

Timekeepers.—Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., and C.Q.M.S. J. Skelly

Markers.—C.S.M. O'Conner and Sjt. J. Dryden (late 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers).

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Each Platoon Team consisted of one Team Leader and six others. Teams were made up as follows :—

No. 13 PLATOON.

Sjt. Patterson.

Cpl. Holborn	Fus. Townsley
Fus. Holborn	Fus. Ray
Fus. Matthews	L/Cpl. Dixon

No. 14 PLATOON.

Lieut. M. Robson.

Cpl. Mathews	Sjt. Coulthard
L/Cpl. Heckles	Cpl. Storey
Sjt. Taylor	Fus. Cockburn

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No. 15 Platoon.

C.Q.M.S. Skelly.

Sjt. Morralee	Cpl. Fairnington
Fus. Strangeways	Fus. Robson.
Fus. Knox	Fus. Scott

No. 16 Platoon.

Sjt. Rutherford.

L/Cpl. Ritchie	L/Cpl. Ames
Fus. Ames, J. H.	Fus. Renton
Fus. Douglas	Fus. Clarke

The order of firing was as drawn from a hat on the firing point, viz :—No. 14, No. 15, No. 13, No. 16.

The competition was a very good one, and consisted of assembling a Vickers Gun, and bringing it into action against the target at 600 yards range, and each man had 50 rounds to fire —during which time all mechanical stoppages, etc., had to be

Brigade Commander's Inspection, Wath Gill Camp, 1st July, 1930.
The brigade commander is speaking to drum-major bailey.
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rectified. Numbers then changed. A time limit of 4½ minutes was allowed for the complete practice.

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Great keenness was shewn throughout the competition, and everyone was satisfied with the arrangements. In order that there should be no loophole for complaint the teams were drawn on the range, and communication with the butts was by whistle only.

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The filling of the barrel casings without the aid of a filler caused some amusement, and was not too successful. Each team lost points for not having sufficient water in the barrel casing.

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Winners.—No. 14 Platoon. Time, 3 mins. 55 secs. Hits 57.
Second.—No. 15 Platoon. Time, 4 mins. 10 secs. Hits 57.

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Major Cowen and Major Watson visited the range whilst the competition was in progress.

Fifteen Years Ago.

August, 1915.

"Armentieres"

On Sunday, the 1st August, 1915, we had a Church Parade, and the Padre entertained us to the same sermon as on the last occasion, about a month before.

Whether or not as a result of this we know not, but persistent rumours began to fly round that several of the distinguished officers of one of our Battalions had gone mad! Ultimately it transpired that the source of the rumour was based on the fact that they were billeted in the Lunatic Asylum near Armentieres!

At dusk we moved up to the line again, occupying the centre sub-sector of the right section of the Divisional Front—next door to where we had our last spell in. We occupied trenches Nos. 68 and 69, with their supports.

Almost immediately we got orders to prepare for a tremendous demonstration against the enemy on the evening of the first anniversary of the outbreak of the War, on 4th August. Every rifleman had to fire ten rounds rapid over the parapet, and the Artillery were to loose off three rounds per gun. After that bayonets had to be fixed and shewn above the parapet, whistles blown, and everything conceivable done to put the wind up the Huns.

The demonstration duly came off and nothing out of the way happened other than a little extra Bosche retaliation which was let down on us.

We were in these trenches for a total of twelve days—the longest spell we had so far had at a stretch—and things were very quiet—even monotonously so. As a comparison to Ypres, it might be mentioned that in these twelve days our casualties amounted to three men wounded.

The trenches were nearly all breastworks, built up with sandbags, and in many parts, particularly in the close support lines, there was no parados or back to them at all. We were ordered to rectify this defect, as also to set to work on general work of improvement, wiring, building machine gun emplacements and snipers' loopholes, etc.

Sentries were posted at intervals all along the line, and one officer per company was on duty at a time—his job being to visit these sentries and see that they were alert; to fire the "Verey" Light Pistol at night; to issue the rum ration at "Stand To" in the morning, and to inspect rifles one hour after "Stand Down;" and generally to see that the war was prosecuted in a thoroughly business-like manner on his particular bit of front!

Other Officers, N.C.O.'s and men were specially told off for patrols, wiring parties in front of the line, etc., etc.

This routine continued until the evening of Friday, the 13th August, when the 4th Yorkshire Regiment came up and relieved us, whereon we marched back to the billets in Armentieres we had previously occupied—Officers in the Convent; Other ranks in the "Blue Factory."

On this occasion we had a whole week's rest—or rather more or less intensive training. We discovered that one of the attractions of the town was a swimming bath, and each morning before breakfast many of us used to go for a bathe. The place was shelled now and then, and was minus a great part of the roof and had many "Bairnsfather" holes in the walls, but altogether it was a godsend.

On Friday, the 20th August, we returned to the line, this time occupying trenches Nos. 74 and 75—the right sub-sector

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of the Chappelle d'Armentieres part of the Divisional Front. Two Companies were in the front line and two in the support trenches. There was but little to choose between these two lines as to comfort, shelling, etc.; but whereas the front line people had to find more sentries, patrols, etc., the supports had to provide all sorts of carrying parties, including the ration parties, which had to go down to the "dump" (the nearest point the Transport could get up to) where all the Battalion's rations were brought to each night, all done up in sandbags for the various Platoons, etc., and all sorts of working parties. Normally the nearer you were to the Germans the better you were off—at this particular period of the war, at any rate.

On Sunday, the 22nd August, we had our first real experience of trench mortar fire. The Germans fired a long bomb, just like a sausage in shape, and of considerable weight; and much "wind up" was caused when they burst. The casing was quite a thin and light affair, completely filled with high explosive—therefore the moral effect was, generally speaking, greater than the material damage.

It was a weird and terrifying experience to see these sausages come hurtling through the air, to burst with a deafening detonation, blowing anyone to atoms who might be too close, or tearing great gaps in the parapet if they registered a direct hit. The only thing in their favour was that you could see them coming. You heard a faint bang in the vicinity of the German Support Line, and could then see one of these dreadful things come lobbing across "No Man's Land." The fact that they turned over in their flight made it rather a difficult matter to gauge their probable place of striking. Sentries were armed with whistles, and their duty, whenever there was a "sausage" strafe on, was to give a blast should they see or hear one coming. The troops then had to run up or down the trench so as to evade them, and quite an exciting employment it was too. You never knew when two might be fired simultaneously—when trying to evade one you might run right into the line of another.

We also had trench mortars, but, unfortunately at this time they were nothing like so good as the German ones. Our best variety was known as the "Football Gun," the bombs being spherical in shape with a shaft of about two inches in diameter which fitted into the mortar barrel. Otherwise called "Toffee Apples." There were a regrettable number of "duds" amongst them.

The 5th Borderers relieved us the next night, the Monday, and we marched back to billets in the Asylum. Here we were joined by a draft of three Officers from the 15th (Reserve) Battalion, and Captain H. Liddell rejoined from hospital, where he had been for the past week or so, suffering from trench fever.

At the Asylum we had good opportunities of having decent hot baths—but on the day after relief, when many of us were wallowing in the bath houses we were shelled by a German "whizz-bang" battery. Most decidedly unpleasant! It is bad enough to be shelled when "sober and properly dressed," but it is somewhat of an indignity, as also a nerve shattering experience, to have this done when you are naked and in a bath. It was funny, too, however, to see numbers of naked men dashing about in search of cover, busy meantime trying to clothe themselves as best they could!

On Friday, 27th August, we returned to the same trenches we had left four days previously and relieved the 5th Borderers.

Several Cavalry Regiments were in reserve behind us, and these were employed in digging reserve and subsidiary lines of defence in front of the town of Armentieres. The Machine Gun Officer of the 10th Hussars—a Mr. Garstin—was sent from this duty and attached to our Machine Gun Section for a couple of days (August 28th and 29th), to be shown various methods of "straffing" the Bosche. He was a most interesting fellow, and a perfect fire-eater, and he and our M.G.O. had two useful days together, bagging plenty of Huns, we hope; and in any event firing many thousands of rounds of S.A.A.

At this part of the line there was remarkably little night firing of any sort—just an occasional burst of machine gun fire, or a few rounds from a rifle. By day things were silent as the grave—almost. But the German snipers were ever on the alert, and woe betide anyone foolish enough to try to look over the parapet. So keen were they, in fact, that almost daily we had a few periscopes shot to pieces. We had great trouble in avoiding smoke when cooking—as particular attention was paid to any activity of this nature by the Huns. But we managed to jog along all right, despite the war.

We were particularly pleased to hear, during the month, that Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, had assumed command of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division—he having succeeded the Earl of Cavan, who had been posted to command the Guards Division just formed.

On the last day of August, 1915, we were relieved once more, and returned again to Armentieres to be billeted in the Convent and "Blue Factory."

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
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August, 1930.

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Old Comrades' Association Notes.

London Area.

Coming Events.—A General Meeting at 7.15, followed by a Dance at 7.45 p.m., will be held on Wednesday, 1st October, 1930, at Headquarters, The Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C.

The Annual Re-union Dinner will be held at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C., on Saturday, 8th November, 1930. The main object of altering the date from Armistice Night, 11th

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instant, is to give members a better opportunity of attending. This particularly applies to those whose employment does not permit them to attend on a week night.

Concert.—A Concert will be held on Saturday, 29th November, 1930, at the Feathers Hotel, The Broadway, Westminster, S.W.

Particulars of arrangements respecting all these events will be forwarded to each member in due course.

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

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Vocational Training.

The Plasterer.

ALTHOUGH the Romans under Julius Cæsar first introduced plastering into this country, the work of the plasterer at the present time is little known to those not directly in touch with building.

Plastering is considered by many to be a rough, dirty job and low in the scale of the building trades, but this is a mistaken idea. Plastering is akin to the fine arts, for a skilled plasterer has something of the artist in his soul, and with the crude-looking mixtures of sands, limes, plasters, and cements he will turn a rough brick wall into one with a marble-like surface covered with beautifully moulded panels.

To see one of these craftsmen take from his table the creamy, wet material and form a beautiful moulding, run straight and true with perfect mitres, or to see him form on his bench some intricate detail, which when fixed will give refinement to an otherwise flat, uninteresting surface, is to see a craft that is one of the most interesting in the building trades.

Years ago plastering usually ran in families—fathers handing on their knowledge and skill to their sons; but nowadays things have changed, and as highly skilled plasterers are scarce there is usually a demand for good craftsmen that cannot be filled in this way.

The plasterer requires to develop handskill in view of the many varieties of material he must handle, and the different methods of their application, as a plasterer's work covers such work as floating and setting walls and ceilings, running cornices and mouldings, tiling, cement work, roughcast, ornamental casting and fibrous plasterwork.

You have only to look around the next time you go to a cinema or theatre to see some examples of plasterwork that will make you realise the beauty of the plasterer's art. Practically all the artistic cornices, mouldings and panels that you may see on the walls and ceilings will have been made by plasterers. It is a revelation to many to know that the plasterer does this delightful work in addition to putting the plaster on the bricklayer's walls, which comic writers say is to prevent you from looking through them!

It will be of interest to read that in the fourteenth century the plasterer was earning sevenpence per day, and this was considered good pay in those days.

In 1670 Charles II. forbade anyone "to carry on simultaneously the trades of mason, bricklayer, plasterer, and to exercise or carry on the art of a plasterer without having been apprenticed seven years to the mystery."

Nowadays the plasterer earns from 10s. to £1 per day, and with the intensive training given on a Vocational Course a man can become skilled in six months not only in the plain solid plasterwork, but also in the fibrous and ornamental cast work.

Extracts taken from "The Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research."

I. The Colours in 1751.

"In the Center of their Colours, St. George killing the Dragon, being their ancient badge, and in the three corners of their second colour, the Rose and Crown."

The facings of the Regiment are described in the Royal Warrant as "Goslin Green."

The field of the second colour appears to be yellow and not the shade of "gosling green" as we understand it to-day, but it is the exact shade as it appears in the book in The Royal Library, in Windsor Castle. It is possible, of course, that time has caused a change in the colours as painted.

II. Reply arising from a question as to those Regiments in the Peninsular War who sent two battalions whether they both carried colours.

114. COLOURS IN THE PENINSULAR WAR. (Vol. II. p. 156.) There can be no doubt that Colours were carried in the Peninsular War by both Battalions of those Regiments which had two; a study of the Inspection Returns and Regimental Records of the period confirms this.

The 2/5th Regiment (Northumberland Fusiliers) carried their colours right up to the breach at Ciudad Rodrigo. Col. Ridge, who commanded them, in a letter home, wrote:—

"The George and Dragon has nearly disappeared from our King's Colour, by a shell passing through it."

III. Military Funeral (earliest mention).

122. MILITARY FUNERAL CUSTOMS. (Vol. III. p. 7.) The following extract is taken from the diary (December, 1675) of the Rev. Henry Teonge, Chaplain in His Majesty's Ship *Assistance*, at anchor in the harbour of Scanderoon—the modern Alexandretta—in Arabia. It refers to the funeral of the ship's boatswain. The diarist says that he was buried "like a souldyer," so that the description, as given, may be accepted as that of a Military Funeral of the time.

"5 December, 1675. The last night our boatswaine dyed very suddenly, and this afternoone, I buried him in the Greeks church yard. He was nobly buryed, and like a souldyer. He had a neate coffin, which was covered over with one of the King's jacks, and his boarson's sylver whisle and chaine layd on the top (to shew his office), betweene 2 pistolls crost with a hangar drawne. At his going off the ship he had 9 gunns, which were fyred at a minut's distance. And 8 trumpetts sownding dolefully, whereof the 4 in the first ranke began, and the next 4 answered; so that ther was a continued dolefull tone from the ship to the shoare, and from thence to the grave. Halfe the ship's company, with their musketts in the right posture, going after the corps, with all the officers of all the ships that were there. I my selfe goeing immediately before, and the trumpetts before me. The whole towne cam forth to see us. I buryed him according to our Common Prayer booke. Abundance of Greeks were at the grave, shewing a great deale of devotion; but the Turks stood from the grave, and observed, but were not at all displeased, but (as wee heard after) commended our way. When he was buryed he had 4 peales of muskett shott. And as soone as wee were out of the church yard the trumpetts sounded merry levitts* all the way."

J.H.L.

* A trumpet call, or musical strain, to rouse soldiers in the morning.

O.E.D.

(*To be continued*).

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"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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DEATHS.

HADFIELD.—At Walker-on-Tyne, 11th September, James Joseph Hadfield (ex-Serjeant-Major, 2nd V.B.N.F.).

O'BRIEN.—At Newcastle, 24th September, 1930, John O'Brien, late 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers and Northumberland Hussars.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned relinquishes his appointment:—Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., Wilts Regt., D.A.A.G., War Office (dated 31st August).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Captain H. I. Powell to be Major (dated 31st August, 1930).

Wiltshire Regt.—Major and Brevet Lt.-Colonel W. Platt, D.S.O., from Northumberland Fusiliers, to be Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 31st August, 1930).

Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., is granted the local rank of Major whilst employed with the Royal West Africa Frontier Force (dated 25th August).

The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants (dated 1st September)—J. A. Sperling, M. C. Speer.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Bn.—The date of appointment of 2nd-Lieut. A. H. Barber is 22nd June, and not as stated in the *Gazette* of 4th July.

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. R. J. Middlemas to be Lieutenant (dated 7th September).

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Obituary.

The late Mr. J. J. Hadfield.

We regret to record the death, on 11th September, of Mr. James Joseph Hadfield, late Sjt.-Major of the 2nd Volunteer Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, at the age of 83 years.

Sjt.-Major Hadfield spent the first ten years of his service with the 1st Battalion in India, during which time he won distinction as the best shot of the British Infantry in Bengal, in 1877–78. In acknowledgment of this distinction he was presented with a gold watch by the Battalion. On his return from India he was

THE LATE MR. JAMES HADFIELD.

promoted to the rank of Quartermaster-Serjeant. Mr. Hadfield came to Walker in 1884, and for the next quarter of a century was closely associated with the Volunteers, being for many years Regimental Serjeant-Major of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion.

His funeral, which took place at Walker, on 15th September, was attended by several members of the Depôt Serjeants' Mess, by whom he was well known.

The late Mr. J. O'Brien.

Few men in the district have such a fine army record as Mr. J. O'Brien, who has died at Sutton's Dwellings, Barrack Road, Newcastle. He completed 51 years of service.

Mr. O'Brien joined the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers in June 1866, as a mere boy, and served in India for 16 years, taking part in both the Afghan Campaigns.

After 21 years' service, he took his discharge, and then joined the Volunteers at home.

He was a bandsman in the Engineers for five years, and afterwards put in eight years with the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, seven years with the 1st N.R.G.A. and ten years with the Northumberland Hussars. He served with that regiment in the Great War.

The funeral took place at St. Nicholas Cemetery, Nun's Moor, on Saturday, 27th September, at 2.15 p.m.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

York,

September, 1930.

WE have forsaken our tents at last, and before the appointed day. The rain and mud, particularly the latter, became so bad, that the "powers that be" took pity on us, and deciding that no useful instruction could be imparted under such conditions, nor there being any other good reason why we should remain, ordered us back to York.

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So we shook the mud of Hindlow Camp off our feet on the 17th September, instead of the 20th. We shook and brushed and scraped it off as we journeyed in our special train, but that mud was of a persistent nature, and there were still traces of it on our arrival. Still, it doesn't always do to look too spick and span. Some unknowing person might have looked and thought: "Can't be much wrong with Buxton if they come out of it as clean as that."

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Brigade Training resolved itself into a one-day scheme only, owing to the weather; but quite a number of Battalion schemes were carried out, including one of mountain warfare, for which the country was eminently suited—if somewhat in miniature. The weather on this particular day was also in keeping with the operation—scorching hot—and we operated in shirt sleeves.

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Taken all round, one can't say that the camp was any outstanding success. Most of us preferred our old friend, Wath Gill, in spite of that monotonous feature, Barden Fell.

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High Edge was its counterpart at Buxton—a razor-backed rocky feature of dismal aspect, some 1,500 feet high, which drew the usual kind of attention.

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There is something semi-magnetic or hypnotic about such protuberances, anyhow, as regards the military surveyor of the

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landscape. All eyes get glued to them ; all guns get turned on to them ; all smoke envelopes them ; all troops would get on to them, but there isn't room, except for the theoretical defender.

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In spite of the weather, the health of the Battalion was excellent, not more than one "sick" per day, and these only such minor ailments as boils and strained legs. Some of the numerous walls that bisected the training area were enough to strain most parts of the body.

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There was a certain amount of "liasing" with the other Battalions of the Brigade, but the bulk of this was done in the more congenial atmosphere of various Buxton hotels.

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Now we are busily cleaning up, polishing up, manual buying, and amending, clothing, fitting, and the hundred and one things necessary after an almost continuous period of fifteen weeks in camp and preparatory to a General's inspection—which latter takes place on the 29th September, so we haven't got much time, but enough, we hope. The month of marriages withal !

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Mr. Carr-Ellison has completed his "plighting," and Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Beckwith will have done so, *Deus volens*, by the time these notes are in print. We wish them all the best that life can give.

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Captain Seth-Smith has departed to take over the Adjutancy of our 4th Battalion. We wish him the best of luck, and feel sure the environments of Hexham will suit him, at any rate from a hunting point of view !

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Mr. Bland is on a Machine Gun Course at Netheravon.

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A draft of 32 Other Ranks arrived from the Depôt on the 22nd September, and was posted to Headquarter Wing and "Z" (M.G.) Coy. Capt. Wombwell was the conducting Officer, and we were all very glad to see him looking so much better.

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There is really remarkably little interesting news. York itself is enveloped in mist, and mostly drenched in rain, and we realize what summer there has been is now over. Still, the hunting fraternity look quite cheerful, so it's a poor season of the year that brings no one any pleasure !

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There is a cycle of events in the Army which is more persistent than the most persistent gas. Here we are, just back from the culminating effort of the year—viz., Battalion and Brigade Training—but within a week we get : "Please render your Individual Training programme by the 24th instant." And, sure enough, within a week or so the Square and the Barrack-rooms will resound to the modern modulated voices of instructors as they once more go through their little "cycles."

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No matter that only two men and a boy per Company are available for such instruction, the thing must be.

And once again P.T. "experts" and education "specialists" begin to peep round the doors of Company offices, scenting the return of the herd to the home pastures sort of thing ! And this is oft-times the kind of conversation that ensues :—

ED. OFFICER : "Good morning, Sir!"

COY. COMDR. : "Good morning."

ED. OFFICER : "I've been stuck for Education Officer."

COY. COMDR. : "Serve you right."

ED. OFFICER : "Ha ! ha ! But—er—I believe you've got about forty-six men without their '3rds' ? "

COY. COMDR. : "Have I ? "

ED. OFFICER : "Yes."

COY. COMDR. : "But they aren't available."

ED. OFFICER : "Oh ! Why ? "

COY. COMDR. : "Well, about twenty are employed all over York, and the rest are at Strensall shooting and won't be back for ten days."

ED. OFFICER : "Oh ! that'll be alright ; they can attend school when they get back and the others can be relieved."

COY. COMDR. : "Oh ! Who by ? "

ED. OFFICER : "Oh ! the Adjutant will arrange that."

COY. COMDR. : "Oh, yes ! "

ED. OFFICER : "You see, we must get results."

COY. COMDR. : "Quite so. The P.T. fellow wants results *too* ; everyone wants results ; I want results, and my Individual Training starts in ten days' time."

ED. OFFICER : "Still, it's only for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon."

COY. COMDR. : "Oh ! quite ; and the P.T. fellow only wants them for an hour in the morning, and there's only a coal fatigue on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a R.S.M.'s parade on Wednesdays, and a route march on Fridays, and a dental inspection or something on the other days ; otherwise all the rest of the time can be devoted to Individual Training. Oh, quite ! "

ED. OFFICER : "Yes, I know ; it's awfully awkward, but no man can really absorb instruction properly until he's got a '3rd.' "

COY. COMDR. : "Oh ! can't he ? When did that come out ? "

ED. OFFICER : "You see, there was rather a bother last year because so many men were without their '3rds.' "

COY. COMDR. : "I know, and the year before that there was a bit of bother because so many men hadn't completed their P.T. attendances, and of course they'd never be able to march to Ripon and Catterick unless they did ! And the year before that there was a bit of bother about weapon training, so I suppose it's education's turn again. Take 'em all whenever you like. I'll combine my Individual Training with Company and Battalion Training ! "

ED. OFFICER : "Thanks awfully ! I'll tell the Adjutant we've fixed it up satisfactorily. Good-bye, Sir."

COY. COMDR. : "Good morning."

(*Exit Education Officer. Enter P.T. Officer.*)

P.T. OFFICER : "Good morning, Sir."

COY. COMDR. : "Good morning."

And so on.

Yes ! the hibernating season is upon us !

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We congratulate Major Powell on elevation to that rank. "Victor" looks at his master with even more admiring obedience than before, if such a thing is possible, and the "majority glint" is peeping out of his master's eyes !

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" With measured tread and head held high,
He stalked along with roving eye
To see what he could see.
Some dirt upon a window-sill !
A ' bucket, fire,' they'd failed to fill!
A dirty tap!
A filthy cap!
The Orderly Serjeant having a nap!
' Can this be ? '
Thundered he ;
' When there's a crown upon my shoulder-strap!'

" With beetling brow, his speed no less,
He turned his steps towards the Mess ;
To vent his wrath he must !
' Good Lord!' quoth he : ' I feel quite queer.
Here, waiter, quick ! a pint of beer.
The beer I'll lap,
Then have a nap ;
I really think I've lost my sap.
Can this be ? '
Thundered he,
' When there's a crown upon my shoulder-strap! ' "

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Enough ! The wrath of the gallant Major will have overcome already any temporary feeling of faintness !

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We were very glad to see Mr. Macmullen, who is on leave from Egypt. He seems to enjoy life in that country, and he is no doubt surrounded by horses and hounds to the exclusion of camels and cats.

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A donation of £5 from the Battalion was forwarded to the Garrison Adjutant, Mauritius, in December last, for renovation of tombstones and general repairs to graves of Officers and Other Ranks of the Regiment buried there. The following balance sheet shows how the various donations received have been expended :—

RECEIPTS.

	Rs.	Cts.
Donation from President, Garrison Institutes	121	09
Donation from Archdeacon H. V. Otter-Barry, M.A.	98	58
Cheques from interested Regiments	406	92
Donation from St. Columbia's Church	150	00
Donation from Camp R.C. Church	6	42
Totals	Rs. 783	01

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	Cts.
Phœnix Cemetery (216 Graves and Monuments)	508	87
Mahebourg Cemetery (34 Graves and Monuments)	200	80
Curepipe Cemetery (9 Graves and Monuments)	73	34
Balance Credit	Nil	
	Rs. 783	01

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The Garrison Adjutant, in his letter forwarding the above Balance Sheet, stated that the original intention was to restore only those graves in Phœnix Cemetery, but, owing to the kindness of local subscribers, he had been able to extend the work to include the old cemeteries in Mahebourg and Curepipe. It is probable that, owing to neglect, a number of graves have become lost in both Curepipe and Mahebourg Cemeteries, but all that could be identified have received attention.

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The actual work done is as follows :—

1. Cleaning and re-pointing existing tombstones and memorials, and re-cutting inscriptions.
2. Replacing all wooden crosses with new teak crosses.
3. In addition, in the case of Curepipe and Mahebourg Cemeteries, clearing vegetation from the surroundings.

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As a result of this work, monuments of all sorts are not likely to require further attention for twenty years, and local authorities have taken up the question of keeping Mahebourg and Curepipe Cemeteries free from vegetation.

Serjeants' Mess.

Hindlow.

We still take the " waters "—on our heads, beds, and "togs," and it would seem that whereas the aristocracy come to Buxton to cure " screws," the soldier " visits " Buxton to develop them.

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The weather is distinctly " Regimental " here. Schemes are completed and then other schemes for evening use are destroyed ; however, umbrellas have not yet been issued to the Army, and we have taken quite a lot of chances up to press.

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After each day's work, the Companies go back to camp under their C.S.M.'s, and the Officers take lunch on the round prior to their pow-pow on the events of the day ; this a flagrant waste of time and breath, for if one could just pop one's ears to the curtain of the Serjeants' Mess Tent during lunch, the difficulties would be solved.

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Various solutions are propounded, and that little word " if " is used a lot (and abused too). The die-hards have led in this war game up to the present, as they always fall back to the actual blood era for comparison, although one or two of the old-young brigade have attempted to create a blood-element for themselves come with me to the transport lines.

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The Mess carpet continues to warn members that it is time for bed, this idea is recommended to the civil authorities as a test for " gas " main pattern of carpet " bricks " of uneven size.

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Our old friend " Fire " has caused its little diversion (not us, Sir). Once by day and once by night. In the scramble to get out of the Mess Tent one can at least acquire a new cap S.D.

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Congratulations to Serjeants Hackett, Clare and Mears on being selected for a course of Contours (Visual) whilst we remain

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"coursing" them in a practical manner. What is the conventional sign for a school, Jimmy? Sammy says one boot and one shoe.

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The Mess pond is still waiting a victim—it nearly got one on Saturday. The inspection of the Mess passed off O.K. that morning, thanks to the P.R.I.; one wonders what *wouldn't* have been wrong if the pond had got its victim.

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York again! Just three days before time, and already envelopes are pouring in with various amendments for insertion in various manuals. Oh! for a settled method of fighting. Manual reads No.——section; Amendment says, "after section, add Platoon or Company." Reality says, "There ——s get 'em."

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We have been made honorary members of the Messes of the Elgin and Northumberland Regiments of Canada. We have done likewise to them, and it is hoped that we shall soon be able to present a token of esteem from the Mother Mess to remind them of the bond between us.

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Congratulations to "Jock" on his promotion to full rank.

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We have received the visit from Sjt. Chislett during the month, and are pleased to see him looking fit.

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We are preparing to resume our monthly functions (2nd Friday of each month). The present difficulty being "An all in" contract with the N.A.A.F.I. for the use of their premises for dancing, the Mess room being too small.

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A new disease appeared at camp, and we have given it the name of "Ten-mania" pending result of research. Members afflicted with this distressing complaint go about muttering 7.10., 11.10., 1.10. and 3.10. The acute stage being at meal times.

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Steve is convinced that had he joined the Cavalry, and reached the rank of Corporal of Horse, his life would have been much easier, and he would have much more money for "Nut Brown."

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Owing to the pressure of work—and wind—in preparing for the visit of the "dragon" on the 29th, in the person of the Brigade Commander, we must forcibly terminate our literary efforts for this month. Oh! for the old way—a horse and a lance!

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CHESTNUT.

ADJUTANT: "Good morning, Serjeant-Major. Lovely day. Now, Serjeant-Major. Constitutional Regulations. Paragraph x y z. I've got them here ticked. Says that only calls intended to rouse troops quickly will be sounded after "Lights Out." What call do you suggest?"

SERJEANT-MAJOR: "Cookhouse, Sir!"

Corporals Club.

We have returned from camp again, and at present are busy getting ready for a General's Inspection on the 29th.

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We were not sorry to quit the camp at Buxton. If we hadn't left when we did, we should probably have been buried in MUD by now.

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Congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpls. Whiley, Charlton and Latimer upon their promotion to Cpl. Also to Lce.-Cpl. O'Conner upon his appointment to Lce.-Cpl.

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Cpl. Canvin has rejoined us from the Regimental Depôt, and we welcome him to the "Fold."

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Cpls. Stobbart and Barber have left us for "Civvy Street," and we hope that they will pay us a visit occasionally.

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Congratulations are extended to Cpl. McDonough upon his obtaining a 1st class certificate at an Advanced Course at the A.P.T.S.

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Some incidents which occurred at camp must not be left out of these notes.

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Two of our gallant members are saving up, probably to get married or buy a motor bike. However, the method of saving is original. Instead of having respectable suppers, they munched, or lunched on TURNIPS!

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These notes must now be brought to a close for various reasons, until next month.

"BONZO."

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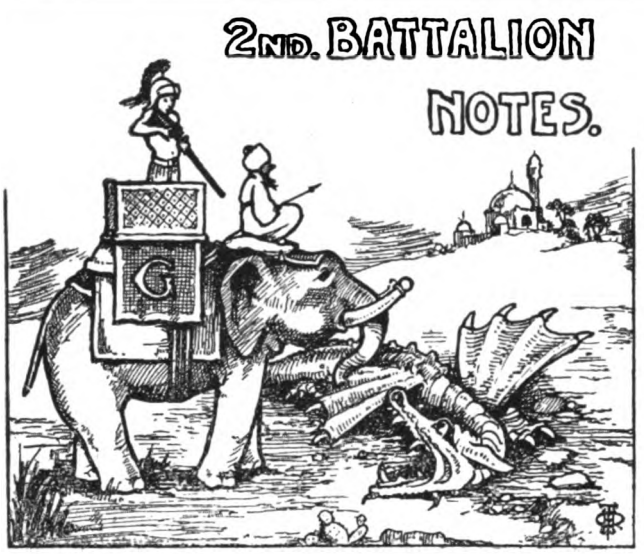

Napier Barracks.

Lahore Cantonment,

August, 1930.

BEFORE writing a line on any other subject, we must hasten to rectify a serious omission in last month's notes.

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We failed to congratulate Captains Ingledew and Humphreys on their well-earned promotion to that rank. The lapse was, no doubt, due to our having been accustomed for so many months past to regard them as Captains *de facto*, with the result that when they became so *de jure*, we felt that there was nothing new to record. Even so it was a churlish omission, having regard to the hospitable manner in which Captain Humphreys had marked the occasion, and in which Captain Ingledew would also no doubt have marked it had he been within our reach.

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Another omission, but of a different character. We should have chronicled, amongst the moves, that of Mr. Leech to the Signal School at Poona on a four months' course.

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And, lastly, we forgot to record the monthly migration of Mr. Redhead, who proceeds with each Detachment in turn for a ten days' spell in Dagshai.

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Turning now to the events of the month.

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Long ere these lines appear in print, the home papers will have given a full account of the recrudescence of disturbances on a serious scale which occurred early in the month in the North-West Frontier Province.

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At present we are in no position to hazard an opinion in regard to the future trend of events, or the action which is likely to be taken by the Government, though we may safely presume that the considerations which will influence the decision, in their relative order of importance, will be FINANCE, Expediency, and lastly, Prestige. The developments in the North-West have had no effect on life in Lahore, and the only part which the Battalion has so far been called upon to play has consisted of the provision of an O.C. and crew for an Armoured Train. The first warning order was received at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, 3rd August, and was amplified at noon, and instructions were issued for entrainment at 6 p.m.

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The party consisted of Captain Trenam as O.C. Train, Mr. McNalty, 30 rank and file of "C" Company, and 6 rank and file and 2 M.G.'s of "D" (M.G.) Company. In addition there was a detachment of Gunners under a Subaltern to man the 12 pounder gun with which the train was armed, and some personnel of the N.W. Railway Battalion, chiefly for technical duties.

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With a view to maintaining secrecy, the train was scheduled to leave from a small siding outside the main station, and those of us who went down to see it off, thought, after an hour's ineffective search of every nook and craving, that the secret was likely to be well maintained, until in sheer desperation, we entered the station itself, and found it proudly drawn up at the main platform, an object of interest to a gaping crowd who thronged the bridge and the very platform itself. Of the armoured train's doings we do not propose to write here, but will leave the O.C. Train himself to tell by means of extracts taken from his letters, which will appear elsewhere in this number and are published, we may say, entirely without his authority!

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For the rest there is little of interest to chronicle.

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Rain latterly has been conspicuous by its absence and the temperature is once again unpleasantly high, in fact Lahore more than once of late has figured in the daily weather report as the hottest place in India. The moves to and fro can be tabulated as follows :—

"D" (M.G.) Coy. (Mr. McNalty), from Dagshai to Napier Barracks.

"B" Coy. (Capt. Hogshaw, Mr. Lean and Mr. Hesketh), from Napier Barracks to Dagshai.

Lieut.-Col. Foster visited Dagshai on inspection duty and Mr. Redhead also paid us a duty visit.

Major Braddell passed through Lahore on his way from Dagshai to Kashmir on a month's leave.

Mr. Bradford was ordered to Napier from Birdwood Barracks on the departure of the two Officers with the armoured train.

Mr. Williamson returned from his convalescent leave.

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There remain those who are straining at the leash and who hope to get away on leave shortly, namely Major Critchley-Salmonson, Captain Hogshaw, Captain Edgeworth Johnstone and Mr. Martin—all bound for Kashmir and various forms of sport, and all hoping that the Higher Command will ultimately relent and give them the full two months which they were expecting, instead of the 45 days to which their leave has at present been reduced.

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And lastly, Mr. Bucknall and Mr. Foster who have planned a month's shooting and fishing in the Kumaon Hills.

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The Armoured Train.

I am writing this sitting on the ground at Government Siding, Peshawar, and the time is 3 a.m., Tuesday, the 12th. At the moment nothing works—trains and telephones and telegraphs have all again gone west.

My train reached Nowshera at 1 p.m., and Peshawar at 4 p.m. Monday, after all sorts of alarms and delays but no real excitement. At Nowshera I dropped all the non-fighting portion of the train. Was informed definitely that I should operate from Nowshera. On arrival here was sent for by General Godwin, and informed that my rôle was to assist in defence of of perimiter wire here. Later attended conference at H.Q. Peshawar Brigade and then came under Brigadier Sandilands. At 2.30 a.m., visited by G.I. Peshawar District and informed all traffic held up at Attock by firing on trains. Moving at 4 p.m. to collect Frontier mail and other trains at Attock and bring them through. An amazing show. Afridis in the Garden 50 yards from the wire and firing round piquet line is frequent. The K.O.Y.L.I. were harassed coming in this evening, and Brigadier Sandilands says that there was a real good Afridi raid on the wire two days ago.

LATER. *9 a.m., Tuesday.*

Just left Nowshera again for Peshawar, conveying Frontier mail and one troop train of scouts (kind of scouts unknown, but very dirty scouts).

LATER, *Peshawar*, 14/8/30.

To-day we sneaked out of Nowshera shortly after 4 a.m., and spent the time up to 6.30 quietly patrolling the line from Nowshera to Peshawar. At 6.30 a.m. we started our first escort job and got into Peshawar again 13.30. The workings of the Indian railways give us much amusement; when I have finished this job "Punch" will have food for months to come if they apply to the crew of the armoured train. On a most pressing military mission on Tuesday, the A.T. was stopped by a village station master who asked could he have a pail of hot water for his bath! It is interesting to know that village station masters do have baths! But apart from the humour of the show I feel we have been of value. There were no trains running out of Peshawar when we arrived on Monday, and during that night all traffic stopped this side of the Indus at Attock. Within 24 hours the traffic situation was almost normal, and now a full daylight service is running from Peshawar. Colonel Burrow's family coach has saved these fellows' lives, for whenever I get even an hour I turn them into it to sleep. It has a pukka berth and fan for each man, the fighting position of the train is pretty grim of course during the day. We have been drawing meals from all sorts of funny people, everybody doing all they can for us. From to-day I have authority to demand food for the whole train from railway refreshment rooms. Popular rumour has it that this armoured train has been blown up twice, ditched once, all the time rendered immobile by Afridis who climb the signal points and turn the signals against us. All culverts and bridges are guarded by Khussadars who have been armed from the fort. They post a small boy on the line to tell them when the armoured train is coming. This boy's duty is to wake up the post and all these funny looking toughs turn out and salute to prove how vigilant they are and they then go back to sleep. I sometimes crash along at 30 m.p.h., and then of course either they are in the prone position asleep, or else deficient. At night none of them stay on the job—they are away with their friends trying out their new rifles on the picquets round Peshawar.

My force consists of 78 men all told, including 6 gunners and 1 Officer who man the 12 pounder gun.

"How terrible a thing War is!"

Serjeants' Mess.

When he was a boy, his father used to impress on him that a soldier was the cleverest man with a rifle; and that women were afraid of such dangerous implements of destruction in case they should blow up the world by going off accidently. But now Miss Foster has altered that idea. We don't say he is a bad shot, but he has won the wooden spoon all the same. Imagine a woman winning the "King's Cup," it must have been a good gun she had, although it is quite an honour winning the wooden spoon, isn't it, Doug?

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Yes people! It is quite true C.S.M. Larkman did get a "D" at Pachmarhi Small Arms School. He and Sjt. Miller ("Jocker") have since returned to the Battalion; in the meantime Musketry is most prevalent in Headquarter Wing.

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Intimation has been received that C.S.M. and Mrs. Parkin are leaving us for the 1st Battalion. Being one of the best sportsmen in the Battalion, we are sorry to lose him. He will never be forgotten by those of the 2nd Battalion, and we hope he will not forget us. He is being relieved by C.S.M. "Bill" Carlin who is well known by the majority of All Ranks of the 2nd Battalion; his presence is being looked forward to by those of his old Company ("Y" Company) who have not forgotten the old Thursday morning skirmish around the Company Dufters.

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After the wet month they had in Dagshai, "D" (M.G.) Company have returned to the plains, having been relieved by "B" Company and the Drums.

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We hear that C.S.M. Curtis is officiating in the duties of Station Sjt. Major in Dagshai and has held his first Mess meeting, besides running dances.

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Sjt. Doy, with a platoon of "C" Company has been dispatched to the Frontier on SPECIAL duty; what this duty is we do not know, but we are prepared to hear a long story of how the Fusiliers held them back on the line adjoining Nowshera and Peshawar.

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At the beginning of the month the members of the Royal Tank Corps Serjeants' Mess invited our members to a Revolver Shoot. It appears that they had been to our Mess a few days previous, and had had a good evening, so they must invite us to their place for a "good morning," 5.30 a.m. Fancy getting out of bed at 5.30 a.m. on a Thursday morning!

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Our Serjeants have taken a great hunger towards Education. At present there are no less than eight punching up for the 1st Class Certificate. It is a usual occurrence to see Ritchie and his cronies playing for cigarette pictures on the way home from school, or constant ejaculations of a third-pi-R-squared-height and so on. But it wasn't fair that they should be kept in school half an hour longer for standing up and saying "A good afternoon, teacher," however one must abide by the rules of the A.B. 4.

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"Lackerie" has been officiating in the duties of Company Quartermaster-Serjeant, whilst his C.Q.M.S. was in the hills. No! Mrs. Woods, he didn't get any Casuals, although we think he had his bedding ready on the return of C.Q.M.S. Moore.

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A tennis tournament has been held by the members of our Mess and the results are as follows :—

Draw for the Hot Weather Tournament—Tennis.

1. R.S.M. Dipper Sjt. Turnbull	R.S.M. Dipper			
		7. C.S.M. Larkman		
2. C.S.M. Larkman S/Sjt. Darragh	C.S.M. Larkman			
			11. R.Q.M.S. Beck	
3. L/Sjt. Davies Sjt. Hills	L/Sjt. Davies			
		8. R.Q.M.S. Beck		
4. R.Q.M.S. Beck, M.M. Sjt. Wood	R.Q.M.S. Beck			
5. Sjt. Doy C.S.M. Davis	C.S.M. Davis			
		9. C.S.M. Parkin		
6. C.S.M. Parkin Bye	C.S.M. Parkin			
			12. Sjt. Smith	
7. Sjt. Smith Bye	Sjt. Smith			
		10. Sjt. Smith		
8. L/Sjt. Batey Bye	L/Sjt. Batey			

Winner—R.Q.M.S. Beck, M.M.

Runner-up—Sjt. Smith.

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It will be noticed that our old veteran, R.Q.M.S. Beck, has reached the final; he played against C.Q.M.S. Moore, who played in the place of C.S.M. Parkin, at present in hospital. That was two events R.Q.M.S. Beck achieved in one day: he again showed his abilities on the range by obtaining a good marksman's score.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sjt. Woods on his promotion to full Serjeant, ante-dated to the 15th March, 1930. We also welcome to the Mess, on their appointment to paid Lance-Serjeants, Cpls. N. Shepperd and McNichol.

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STOP PRESS.—"Plonka" and Bill Evans have gained marksmen's badges—on Birdwood Barracks Range. "SPEED UP!"

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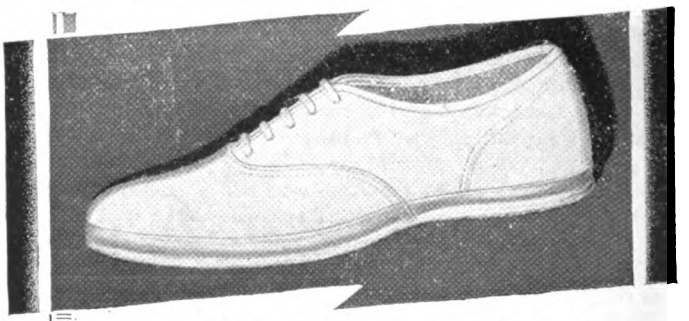

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Depôt Notes.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
September, 1930.

SINCE the last issue of our notes we have been visited by the following members of the Regiment :—Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. (4th Bn.), Mr. C. H. Barber, Mr. E. B. L. Hunt, Mr. R. E. Izod (all of the 7th Bn.), and Mr. C. R. Belley (5th Bn.).

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We have also received a welcome visit from Colonel Henslow, A.P.T.S. ; 2nd-Lieut. B. Gray (5th Bn.), who finished his attachment to the Depôt on 31st August ; and 2nd-Lieuts. C. H. Barber, E. B. L. Hart, and R. E. Izod (7th Bn.) passed Certificate " A," Part I. (Practical), at the Depôt. We congratulate them on their achievement.

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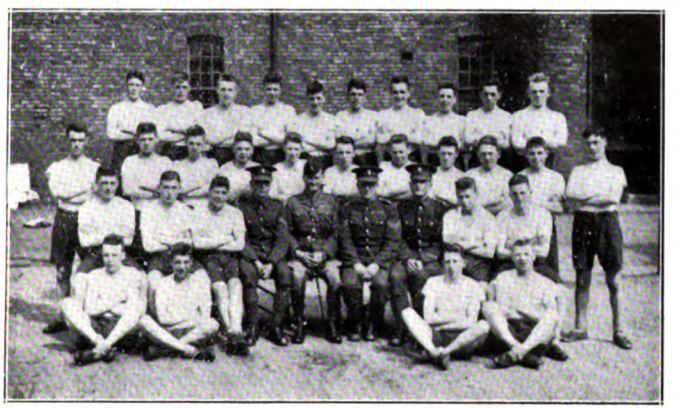
2nd-Lieut. Gunner, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle O.T.C., and 2nd-Lieut. Ward, Sedberg O.T.C., completed a fortnight's Course with the Training Cadre on the 13th instant.



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The Training Cadre is at present very busy as a Royal Artillery, Anti-Aircraft. Permanent Staff Instructors and Depôt N.C.O.'s Courses are all in progress. They have all completed the arduous task of cramming the Adjutant for Hythe.

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Lieut. and Adjutant C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt has proceeded to Hythe on a short qualifying Course, and is also visiting Netheravon to collect a miniature range taker.

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We should like to take this opportunity to thank Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., for the very kind gift of two heads for the Mess.

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The wedding of Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison to Miss P. Craster, of Craster Towers, Northumberland, was solemnized in Embleton Church, on the 16th. The officiating Clergy were : The Archdeacon of Lindesfarne, the Rev. F. W. Osborne, and the Rev. R. B. Dawson. Mr. C. E. Beckwith was best man. After the conclusion of the Service, a Guard of Honour was formed outside the Church by the Officers from the Depôt and the 7th Battalion.

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The Officers present from the Depôt were :—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. ; Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C. ; Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C. ; Capt. F. Wombwell, M.B.E. ; Mr. A. C. C. Collingwood ; and Mr. R. S. N. Clarke.

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On 9th September, the Depôt's Annual Rifle Meeting was held. Fortunately we had good weather, and a very pleasant day was spent at Ponteland and was concluded by the Officers beating the Serjeants in the " Carden " Shield.

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The following are the results :—

Event A.—A Competition to determine the best individual score of Serjeants, Corporals and Fusiliers. The Practices were Snapshooting, Rapid and Gas at 300 yds., and Application at 500 yds.

1.	Sjt. Cross	Cpl. Watson	Fus. Morgan
2.	Sjt. Lynch	Cpl. Jarmain	Fus. Charlton
3.	C.Q.M.S. Avison	Lce.-Cpl. Wilkes	Fus. Ellison
	Lce.-Sjt. Gray (tie)		

Event B.—Rapid Competition, open to all.

1.	Cpl. Reid	39
2.	Lce.-Sjt. Naylor	38
3.	Sjt. Cross	37
4.	Lce.-Sjt. Gray	36
5.	Cpl. Dunlop	34

Event C.—A Team Competition—8 Serjeants, Corporals, and 8 Fusiliers. The Serjeants also nominated their six to compete against the Officers in the Carden Shield. The Practices were Application, Snapshooting, and Advancing up the Range.

Winning Team, Serjeants	341
Second Team, Corporals	322

Winners of the Carden Shield :—

1.	The Officers	281
2.	The Serjeants	268

Event D.—Pool Bulls.

Scorers—Lieut. Collingwood, Lce.-Sjt. Gray, Cpl. Dunlop.

The stakes were divided between Lce.-Sjt. Gray and Cpl. Dunlop.

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We have at present three Squads at the Depôt—April Squad (Sjt. Chislett), June Squad (Sjt. Lawless), and September Squad (Sjt. Greaves), actual strength in recruits being 91.

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April Squad, who have been detained a month over their normal stay, are due to leave for the 1st Battalion on Monday, 22nd September. They have had a very good time during their recruit training, and are certain to do well with the 1st Battalion. Sjt. Chislett (whose first it is) is to be congratulated on turning out a good, hard-working, keen, sporting Squad. This Squad is one of the strongest to leave the Depôt, being 32 strong.

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The Manager of the Hippodrome Theatre sends us weekly tickets for their show, most of the recruits are attaining that

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" Hannen Schaffer " ability for criticising " first nights." We thank the Manager, Mr. Alexandra, for his kindness.

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The month of September sees the commencement of soccer, our first match in the Tyneside League being with Newcastle Co-operative Society. The team was as follows :—

Fus. Maddison.
Fus. Sinclair. Fus. Stockton.
Sjt. Graham. Fus. Johnson. Cpl. Gray.
Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain.
Fus. Rose.

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A rousing, energetic game resulted in a win for us, the result being 2 goals for and 1 against. Goals scored—Cpl. Taylor 2.

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Cross Country Running has been done, the results of the last two are as follows :—

1st Run. 1, April Squad .. .. 126 pts.
2, June Squad .. .. 179 pts.
1 (Individual), Fus. Wilson (April Squad)
2 (Individual), Fus. Casey (April Squad)

2nd Run. 1, June Squad .. .. 192 pts.
2, September Squad .. .. .. 228 pts.
1 (Individual), Fus. Wilson (April Squad)
2 (Individual), Fus. Harrison (April Squad)

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Appointments.

4265863 Fus. J. Carradice appointed unpaid Lce.-Cpl., with effect from 27/7/30.

4256101 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle permitted to continue in the Service for a further period of one year to 9/8/32.

4256087 R.Q.M.S. F. Willson permitted to continue in the Service for one year to 16/8/32.

4257462 Cpl. J. Taylor rejoined from School of Cookery and obtained a Sjt. Cook's Certificate.

4263936 Lce.-Cpl. G. Canvin promoted Cpl., 13/8/30, and re-posted to 1st Battalion.

4257415 C.S.M. P. S. Greaves, 7th Battalion, attached to Depôt for intensive Educational Course for one month, commencing 1/9/30.

4336529 Lce.-Sjt. H. Naylor posted to Depôt for a tour of duty, 1/9/30.

4261893 Lce.-Sjt. G. Jamieson re-posted to 1st Battalion on completion of tour of duty, 8/9/30.

7076199 Cpl. E. Jarmain re-engaged at Newcastle-upon-Tyne for the Northumberland Fusiliers, to complete 21 years with the Colours, with effect from 19/9/30.

The tours of duty of the following have been extended for one year to 1/10/31.

4264681 Dmr. J. Stockton
4437869 Fus. J. Morgan
4265835 Lce.-Cpl. J. Buchanan
4265947 Fus. W. Coulton
4265854 Fus. S. Scott

4257208 Sjt. C. Frayne, attached to Small Arms School, Hythe, for a Course of Instruction from 16/9/30.

The following personnel of the P.S. of T.A. are attached for Course of Instruction :—

7075108 C.S.M. W. Danaford
7221098 R.S.M. C. Tyrell
7075649 R.S.M. J. Ratliffe
4256479 C.S.M. W. Haddon
4256121 C.S.M. E. Walsh
7075213 C.S.M. B. Hurt
4256272 C.S.M. A. Beatty

Education Certificates. The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 14/8/30.

4448142 Fus. R. Arkloy
4267761 Fus. T. Bell
4267759 Fus. W. Dodds
775123 Fus. G. Giles
4267714 Fus. J. Maddison
4267571 Fus. P. Parsley
4267769 Fus. M. Ritchie
4267729 Fus. W. White.
4267757 Fus. G. Batey
4267771 Fus. T. Chapman
4267374 Fus. A. Flanagan
4267544 Fus. J. Harrison
4267768 Fus. J. Parker
4267765 Fus. F. Richardson
4267762 Fus. F. Trotter
4267652 Fus. J. Wigham

Ex R.S.M. John Topp.

Intimation has been received that the above named has been awarded the medal for Long and Meritorious Service, with an annuity of £10.

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Enlisted in the FIFTH, then the 1st Brigade 5th Foot, on 13th February, 1878, at the Old Artillery Barracks, Newcastle.

He subsequently proceeded to join the 2nd Battalion and on 2nd January, 1880, embarked at Portsmouth in the old troop-ship *Crocodile* for India.

After several years in India he returned home, and was posted to the 1st Battalion in Dublin.

After a few months he was re-posted to the Depôt at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, afterwards rejoining the 1st Battalion at Woolwich. He was again posted to the Depôt, and joined the Permanent Staff of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers where he served as Sjt.-Instructor to the Old Volunteer Corps at Berwick-upon-Tweed. During his tour of duty with the Volunteers, he was drafted to South Africa and remained in South Africa from 1900 to 1902, returning to Berwick-upon-Tweed. He was then awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He was discharged to pension in April, 1907, after 29 years' service.

Enlisting immediately on the outbreak of the Great War, he was employed as a Recruiter till February, 1915, and was then posted to the Tyneside Scottish at Alnwick. He was promoted Regimental Serjeant-Major, and, after two and a half years, was transferred to the Royal Air Force, where he served until discharged in April, 1920, having thus completed a total of 34 years' service.

He was 70 years of age on 17th September, 1930, and long may he live to enjoy his pension.

Visit of the Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

On 22nd September the Lord Bishop of Newcastle dedicated The Prayer Hut, which he kindly presented for the use of troops and families in the Garrison.

The Prayer Hut originally was built for the North-East Coast Exhibition.

The cost of removing the hut and re-building it in Barracks was made possible by grants from the 149th Field Brigade R.A., Depôt Northumberland Fusiliers, Depôt Durham Light Infantry, donations from Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., and the Rev. R. O. Hall, M.C., M.A., C.F.

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The interior of the Hut is beautifully decorated and equipped from donations given by Officers in the Garrison.

The opening ceremony was very impressive. A procession was formed outside the Depôt Orderly Room and proceeded to the Garrison Gymnasium where a large gathering had assembled to meet the Bishop.

Lieut.-Col. A. K. Hay, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A., O.C. Troops, thanked the Bishop for his great kindness in presenting the Prayer Hut to the Garrison, and for honouring us by personally coming to dedicate the Hut. Colonel Hay also thanked the Rev. Hall for all the hard work he had put in for the Garrison.

The Bishop's address was much appreciated by all present, and his kind words will live long in our memory. After the Bishop's address, the procession proceeded to the Prayer Hut, where a short Dedication Service was held.

After the Dedication Service, the Bishop and Clergy, together with Officers and wives from the Garrison, were entertained to tea in the Depôt Mess.

VISIT OF THE LORD BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE.

Left to Right.—Lt.-Col. A. K. Hay, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A. (O.C. Troops); Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.; Major H. A. McCullagh, D.S.O.; The Lord Bishop of Newcastle; The Bishop's Chaplain; The Rev. O. Hall, M.C., M.O., C.F.; Capt. D. S. Lindsay, M.C.; Staff-Serjt. Instr. Norlock; The Cross Bearer.

(*Photo by E. W. Gosman.*)

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn,

September, 1930.

SEPTEMBER has definitely proved that it belongs to, and is the commencement of, our Territorial winter; because all the debris of camp time has been cleared away, there is absolutely no militarism prevailing and no signs of any under way.

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The Serjeants' Mess has, however, bravely kept the flag flying by holding a dance in the Drill Hall. It took place on Friday, 5th, and was a marked success; about 300 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. R.S.M. Blakey and C.S.M. Mitchison are to be commended for their efforts; also it was a good scheme to nominate Sjt. McIvor, the master cook for the catering side of the show. He did it well, which all goes to prove the value of the home product, and also bears out that old military proverb, "Time spent on reconnaissance is never wasted."

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We are sorry to say that we are losing the services of our Adjutant, Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., whose tour of duty terminates this month. Capt. Fryer has been with us four years, and we have got nicely used to him and he to us, so that it seems a pity to break off a collaboration which has now 100% efficiency; however the exigencies of the service, etc. He is entitled to have recorded on his credit side the fact that, within his first twelve months with us, he completely acquired the Territorial atmosphere, and that is an early acquisition which, from a T.A. point of view, is the most important feature of Territorial Adjutancy, therefore this is quite in the nature of a compliment.

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Capt. and Mrs. Fryer have our very best wishes for the future.

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Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith is to be our new Adjutant, and he takes over duties at the end of this month. We welcome him to "Newborn," and we hope and think that he will have a successful time with us; at any rate he made a good start during camp, where he was rapidly becoming acclimatised.

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While we are on the subject of Adjutants, it is of interest that news is to hand that Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., Fifth Fusiliers, has been promoted to the local rank of Major whilst serving with the Royal West African Frontier Force. Major Chipper was one of our pre-War Company Commanders, and went overseas with the Battalion as such in 1915. During the War he left us to join the permanent part of the Army, and later became our first post-War Adjutant.

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Apart from being our Adjutant, he was an extremely useful member of the Mess, as on many an occasion he would cheerfully take upon himself the duties of Brigade Field Officer, Orderly Officer, Fire Duty Officer and any other spare duties prevailing at the time to relieve those unfortunate persons who would normally have held down these heavy responsibilities, so that such persons could depart elsewhere on pleasure bent. He has our heartiest congratulations, and we hope that his new rank will not remain "local" too long.

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We extend a welcome to Mr. K. A. Clark, who has been gazetted to the Battalion and joined the Haltwhistle Detachment.

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The picture which should accompany these notes has, owing to postal delays, been unavoidably held up till next month.—ED., *St. George's Gazette*

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5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,

September, 1930.

DURING August fall the days that are known as "dog days," during which we are led to believe the Editor of our morning paper is at his wits end to find interesting tit-bits of news to serve up to his readers, and has perforce to fill up his columns with pictures of bathing beauties, morning after morning.

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Similarly, as far as Battalion work is concerned, we have now entered to a certain extent upon "dog days." Not so, however the members of the Audit board who sat for a number of evenings deciphering noughts from sixes and other such mathematical intricacies of accounting.

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The chief event of August was a Garden Party, kindly given by Colonel and Mrs. Anderson, to the Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the Battalion and their respective wives and also of the 149th Field Ambulance.

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This took place on August 16th, and the weather turned out to be ideal for the occasion. The N.C.O.'s of the Battalion were transported from Walker by buses which arrived shortly after 3 o'clock. Tea was already laid out, and was shortly attacked, counter-attacked, and finally consumed, the position being consolidated later in the evening before departing homeward.

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The amusements provided were many, and great merriment was caused by the various heats of the wheel-barrow, three-legged and sack races. In addition there were two treasure hunts, a darts championship, a quoit championship, and many tug-o'-war heats, for all of which there were numerous prizes.

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Among many incidents we must record that of the gentleman who arrived at the barrel too late, and, looking round the company assembled, murmured, "the world at its worst."

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Among the guests was Col. Gover, A.D.M.S., whom we were pleased to see looking so well.

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It was not until 8 o'clock, that, after much cheering and many votes of thanks, a tired but happy party set out towards Walker, reaching that place at an unknown hour. We understand that the buses were *not* scheduled "non-stop."

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Our present strength is 20 Officers and 560 Other Ranks.

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The C.O., accompanied by Major Peatfield and the Adjutant, visited the M.G. Concentration at Wathgill on July 28th, but found, on arrival, that rain had interfered with the normal programme, and that the Demonstration which was due to take place had been cancelled. Lieuts. Rowe, Besley and Stephenson followed at a later date with similar results.

Once again we welcome our late Adjutant into our midst. Captain B. R. Newstead has taken up a Commission in the T.A. He comes in as a Subaltern, and the problem of Orderly Room is now to find a suitable designation for a Captain, ex-Adjutant, acting Lieutenant.

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We also welcome Mr. R. E. Izod (late Cadet, Epsom Coll. Contgt., Jun. O.T.C.), who was commissioned on 13th June, 1930.

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The Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting was held as usual, on 3rd, 4th and 5th August. As might be expected from the experiences of former years, the weather was not of the best, though slightly better than the previous year. We must record that we did not carry off any event, but we congratulate the 7th Battalion on their successes. The Bourne Cup was shot for under the revised conditions, and the falling plates which had to be accounted for before firing could take place on the target proved a somewhat difficult task, resulting in none of the teams succeeding in lowering the plates. We believe that these conditions will again be revised for next year's "shoot." Appended are the Battalion results :—

Major B. Peatfield, M.C., County Aggregate, 14th place. 10/-.
Sjt. A. Black, "A" (M.G.) Coy., County Aggregate, 3rd place. 20/-.
Sjt. A. Black, "A" (M.G.) Coy., Association Cup, 3rd place. 10/-.
C.Q.M.S. R. Patterson, "B" Coy., Association Cup, 10th place. 10/-.
L/Cpl. N. Milbourne, H.Q. Wing, Association Cup, 18th place. 10/-.
Sjt. A. Black, "A" (M.G.) Coy., Chipchase Cup, Tyro. 10/-.

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On Friday, 12th September, the ladies of the Women's Guild held a successful dance in the Walker Drill Hall. Dancing proceeded until a late hour, the music being provided by the Excelsior Melody Makers. Refreshments were served to some 300 couples. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Tyrrell, President of the Women's Guild Dance Committee, the M.C. being Drum-Major T. Maughan.

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Mr. B. Gray has just completed his Initial Course at the Depôt, where he received a satisfactory report.

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We hear that a Range Taker's Course is to be held at the Depôt next month, lasting for one week. This looks as if we are not to be allowed to become dormant after all.

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Messrs Gray and Izod attended at the Depôt on 27th August for the purpose of taking Part I. (Practical) of Certificate "A," O.T.C., both succeeding in defeating the Examiner—congratulations to both of them .

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The writer apologises for the absence of Notes in this column last month. Notes were written, but a hard hearted Orderly Room deemed them as having been received too late for publication.

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7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

22nd September, 1930.

WE deeply regret the loss the Battalion has suffered by the death of the Honorary Colonel, The Duke of Northumberland, which took place after our last month's notes were penned. We cannot add to the notes that appeared in the pages of "St. George's Gazette" last month. The loss to the country is indeed great.

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Colonel Robson sent a wreath from All Ranks to Westminster Abbey; and the C.O. and Adjutant represented the Battalion at the Memorial Service held at Alnwick Parish Church, while Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.P., D.L., J.P., attended the Newcastle service at St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

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Our notes this month will necessarily be brief, as our inspiration is on his honeymoon.

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The event of importance during this month was the wedding of our Adjutant, Capt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, to Miss Craster, on the 16th, at Empleton Church.

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Twelve of our Officers turned out, and, together with Officers from the 1st Battalion and the Depôt, made an Arch of Swords for the happy couple to pass under on leaving the church, after which they drank to their very good health.

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We wish them all success and happiness.

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We hear there is to be a Tactical Exercise (a Divisional one) in the neighbourhood of Newcastle next month, and some of us are looking forward to the task of moving imaginary Corps and Armies about.

CHIPCHASE CHALLENGE CUP (MINIATURE) TEAM, 1929.

Fifteen Years Ago.

The month of September, 1915, opened with the Battalion comfortably billeted in the town of Armentieres. The routine of the "rest" period was for the first day, to be spent in cleaning up, checking kits, and generally getting ready for battle, the remainder of the time being devoted to intensive training, in wihch drill and musketry instruction took pride of place.

It was just about this time that the "Jesmond Jesters" came into being, and much pleasure indeed was given to the troops by their valuable efforts. They were an extraordinarily good concert party right from the start. We all know what they have achieved since the War, but too much cannot be said of their real activities under service conditions at the front, entertaining and cheering tired soldiers. They were magnificent.

We also had a concert party of our own, and they gave their first performance on Saturday, 4th September, 1915.

On Sunday, the 5th September, we proceeded to the trenches, this time for a twelve days' spell again—occupying the front and support line trenches 70 and 71. It was a very wet night, and we arrived in a miserable state. You have actually to see the state the ground of that part of France can get into, after even only a very little rain, before realising what could happen. In no time it got lashed up into a perfect quagmire; and that night our men were slipping, sliding and falling about all over the place. There were not too many shelters, either, and many had to spend the rest of the night in the open, taking turns to lie down in what dugouts there were.

We spent a peaceful time here, however, and the weather cleared up next morning and remained fine for the rest of our period in the line. At "Stand to" in the morning the Companies in support found themselves in what had been an orchard—full of apple trees. In full sight of the Huns, of course, and not very far away from them—but we discovered that every morning there was a very heavy ground mist, under cover of which we used to collect the fruit, which served as a very acceptable variation in our menus.

There was plenty of work to do also. We had two communication trenches connecting with the front line, and in these we had to make "bombing stops" in accordance with the latest instructions. The idea of these was to prevent the enemy—should he gain entry into our line—from being able to bomb his way into the support line by way of a communication trench; and the manner of executing this was to have a strong point near where the communicating and support trenches met, behind which a Lewis Gun would be mounted with a perfectly straight bit of communication trench for about thirty yards in front of it. Thus, supposing the Huns got near the support line, they would find themselves unable to do any damage with hand grenades without exposing themselves in the open, as the Lewis Gun would have a grand target, in enfilade, if they tried to rush down the trench, and the straight bit kept them out of bombing range.

We also had to construct what became known as the "Sample Traverse." This was a short piece of trench, built entirely as a breastwork—made up with thousands of sandbags, about six feet above the ground. The idea was to see if the whole of the line could be so converted for winter conditions. This work was apparently of great interest to the staff, as we had Generals and Staff Officers of every grade round examining every day.

This took us to the evening of Sunday, the 12th September,

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on which night Companies changed places—those that had been in support going to the front line, and *vice versa*.

To follow the movements of the two Companies which now relieved the front line in Trenches 70 and 71—they had previously of course, made themselves thoroughly acquainted with the lie of the land, and all the Officers, Platoon Serjeants, etc., had reconnoitred the positions they were to occupy, therefore the relief, commencing at dusk, worked very smoothly, and passed without incident.

Trench 71 was a very comfortable home, but No. 70 was anything but!

This trench, owing to its shape, was called the " Mushroom." It was like an arc of a circle, and the " stalk " was formed by the communication trenches which linked it to its close support. It was known to be undermined, and nearly ready to blow up —whenever the Bosche over the way felt inclined for an extra bit of nastiness. Therefore it was very lightly held. By daylight there was a post at either end, and one near the middle (it was some 100 yards long)—and an Officer's Patrol was constantly walking up and down its length to see that nothing untoward happened. By night it was held by an Officer's Patrol outside our wire, some twenty yards in front of the parapet—this patrol keeping constantly on the move to ascertain if there was any enemy activity of any sort. Daily we received progress reports from our R.E. Listening Post—in a sap underground pushed forward as far as possible to the enemy mine, where they could hear much of what was being done for our future discomfiture.

We had a few adventures between the evenings of the 12th and 18th, when we were relieved again ; but we were not blown up, thank goodness! although we were heavily trench-mortared, particularly at the left, or northern end.

On Monday, the 13th September, a white object, like a dunce's cap, was noticed stuck on a post about half-way across " No Man's Land," perhaps a hundred yards in front of our trench, and at night the first duty of the patrol was to recover this—which turned out to be a newspaper, called the *Gazette des Ardennes*, a propaganda sheet printed by the Huns, in French, for the edification (?) of the French inhabitants of the occupied zone. This was found to have the following message in English written on it :—" Dear Tommy—Old England don't like to tell you all what happened, and so we friendly send you this newspaper, hopping you have learned enough by the sweet little Mariannes all the time long you are in France to translate this. We would be awfully enjoyed to have in short time a good fight with you, remains with best wishes of ' Old Germany ' yours trulies, friends and neighbours."

On the evening of Friday, the 17th, Captain Smail, one of the Company Commanders in front, and his Second-in-Command, both went out together on patrol. There were also to be patrols out from either flank unit. During their wandering about No Man's Land, while lying doggo for a moment, they heard another patrol coming towards them. In these circumstances it is sometimes very difficult to know what to do, since it might just as easily be a friendly as an enemy party. The first tendency is to " have a go," whatever the others may be ; but second thoughts lead to caution—a Mills' bomb is very easily thrown, and the thought of scuppering some of your own friends is not a pleasant one. Our two Officers, therefore, continued to lie doggo, while the other patrol seemed to move very quietly away southwards down No Man's Land. Presently they returned to the trench, when one of the first things to be done was to fire a " Verey " light. To their consternation, when this burst into light, they spotted a German Officer fiddling with the wire. For lack of a better weapon, a " Verey " light was fired at him at almost point blank range, then other weapons were brought into play—a machine gun and some rifles, and a few minutes later the patrol went out again to retrieve the body. Unfortunately our bird had flown, but he had left his hat behind, which, on being sent back to Divisional Headquarters, enabled the enemy Regiment to be identified. Had they only known definitely, as was found out later, that ours was the only British patrol in the vicinity, they would have acted differently, and possibly captured an Officer prisoner. However, they didn't ! The fortune of war.

Next night, the 4th Yorkshire Regiment relieved us, and we returned to billets at the Convent and " Blue Factory " in Armentieres.

On Monday, the 20th September, we paraded for inspection by General Sir Herbert C. O. Plumer, the Commander of the Second Army, and on Wednesday, the 22nd, we moved out at dusk and occupied the " subsidiary line "—or what was really the reserve line for the front system of defence.

Before marching off we were told of the coming battle in the South, timed to begin in a few days, and were ordered to be ready to march on Lille if it proved the success anticipated, and should the line in front of us show any sign of wavering.

We were also informed that a very limited amount of gas was to be employed on our actual front of assault ; and that in order to deceive the enemy into believing that we were using much more than we actually had, we on our front were to blaze a lot of straw. Thus Friday evening found us carrying up hundreds of bundles of straw, which was first thoroughly wet, and then placed in front of our parapet.

On the morning of Saturday, 25th September, we heard the unmistakable sounds of fierce battle on both flanks. A heavy bombardment had been going on for several days, but now the height was reached, and there was just one continual roar.

This was the beginning of the Battle of Loos.

On our own bit of front, the straw stunt did not work at all well. First of all the wind was very uncertain, and in places the smoke blew back on our own men. Then the Huns seemed to know all about what was going to happen, as all night through they had kept on shouting, " Now, then, Tommy, when are you going to fire the straw," and words to that effect !

Late during the afternoon we got a lot of jumbled news about the progress of the battle, now raging fiercely around Loos and Hulloch. At first the reports were very optimistic, and we thought things had gone very much better than was actually the case. It was not until some days later, on the arrival of the English papers, that we got really definite and authentic news.

We ourselves were left in complete peace until the evening of Tuesday, the 28th September, when we moved up to the front and support lines again—Trenches 77 and 78.

We were apparently to be here for an indefinite time, so we tried to make ourselves as comfortable as possible. There was an estaminet in full swing at the entrance to one of the communication trenches, and we were able to send down for a jug of beer now and then ! It did seem funny how the French civilians stuck to their old homes, and " carried on " so close to the German lines, and in constant danger of encountering sudden death.

One of the worst things we had to contend with was the host of wee, small insects with which everyone sooner or later got infested. The Medical Officer had a special bath house rigged up in one of the houses of Houplines, where sufferers could go for a special sulphur bath ; and very nice such a thing

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was, too, when in the hot weather we experienced, "encouraged by the Flanders sun," these little enemies executed massed manœuvres all over our bodies.

Perhaps the chief happening of importance to the Battalion during the month of September was the arrival of a draft of sixty-three other ranks from the 3rd Line Battalion. About half of these were men who had been wounded at St. Julien. Including the large number of men who had been wounded, but not badly enough to get back to Blighty, and who had rejoined from hospital in France, our numbers had been reduced to 480, and this brought us up to just over half war strength again. The draft joined us actually in the trenches—but what a different baptism they had to that meted out to the Battalion on its arrival in the battle zone. We were indeed in a quiet part of the line, and casualties were very light. The imaginative ones promptly began to wonder what form of beastliness we were being saved up for, as we were actually enjoying the war here at Armentieres ! And that could not be right !

(To be continued.)

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,

September, 1930.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929. Price 10/- each.

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We have received from Messrs. Gale and Polden a work entitled "The Complete Guide to Military Map Reading." The author has kept in view throughout the principles laid down by the War Office in a recently amended syllabus for First and Second Class Certificates of Education—*viz.* : "That Non-Commissioned Officers and Men should receive sufficient instruction in Map Reading to enable them to make practical use of a map on the ground ; to have knowledge of the methods of representing Hill Features, of finding the True North, and of Map References by squared or gridded methods." To this end all exercises, with very few exceptions, are set on maps. The price of this valuable aid to Certificates of Education is listed at 3s. 6d., and the 150 odd pages it contains seem to us cheap at the price.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Arkwright
Mr. J. Blackburn
Wm. Hall
Mr. M. Killsen

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Subscriptions due in October :—

R. H. Arkwright, Esq.
Lieut. G. H. Bolster
S.M. G. Pullan
Mrs. O. Redwood

Letters to the Editor.

224-6-8, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

2nd September, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

SPECIAL FUND FOR BLIND EX-SERVICE MEN.

This Fund was inaugurated six years ago by the National Institute for the Blind, of which I have the honour to be Chairman, to help ex-Servicemen ineligible for benefit from St. Dunstan's, which, under its Charter, can only help those men whose loss of sight is due to, or aggravated by service in the Great War, or any subsequent military operations. The Fund also assists the blind dependents of serving and retired sailors, soldiers and airmen, and is supported mainly by subscriptions from serving units.

Having been blinded myself in the South African War, I naturally have very great sympathy for all blind ex-Servicemen, and I am now in touch with some 300 cases of the type mentioned, whom the Fund has been able to assist in various ways.

I feel sure that there must be other ex-Servicemen or blind dependents who could benefit from this Fund, and though it is but a small one, I am anxious that the help which it can give should be as widely distributed as possible. I shall be very grateful, therefore, if Regimental Associations, branches of the British Legion, and others will bring to my notice any cases in which special help is required. This is the procedure adopted by local Blind Associations, with all of which we are working in the closest co-operation.

I am gradually building up a fund which may, I hope, one day be financially strong enough to undertake the payment of small pensions to blind ex-Servicemen who need them, but until such time, the Fund can only help individuals with grants to tide them over difficult times.

Yours very truly,
E. B. B. TOWSE,
Chairman.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

30th September, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks, subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st July and 30th September, 1930, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Brig.-General T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.	3	3	0
Mrs. R. E. Clayton	1	1	0
Mrs. M. E. Booth	1	1	0
Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O.	2	0	0
Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt	1	0	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Notes on Employment.

By Lieut.-Col. F. K. Hardy, D.S.O.

OVER two million are registered as unemployed at present, and it seems probable that by Christmas the figure will be well over two and a half million. The situation, appalling everywhere, is not quite so bad in London and the South of England as in the Midlands and the North.

Few soldiers seem to realize how difficult it is to get work and when they first leave the colours they are too inclined to make stipulations as to where they will live, whom they will work for, and the wage they should receive. In the present state of things, no one can pick and choose and the wise man grasps at any job offered to him.

The building trades still offer good opportunities for employment, and the prospects for the future seem good. The engineering trades are slack at present, but possibly they will revive again in the new year. There is absolutely no demand for motor drivers. The few good vacancies going are snapped up by men with years of experience, and much of the delivery work is being done by boys on a wage of 30/- a week. There is a constant call for house-parlourmen, valets and club waiters. The A.V.T.C., Hounslow, receives more calls for such men than it can fill. There are also many excellent places waiting for married couples. The scheme for training such couples at the Hounslow Centre should be better known.

Many soldiers, on taking up employment, fail to realize that by accepting employment, they are accepting a contract which is just as binding on them as it is on the employer. Cases frequently occur in which the man leaves his work without giving proper notice to his employer. This act is illegal, as it is breaking the agreement. The employer naturally is furious with the way he has been treated, and generally decides that he will have nothing more to do with ex-soldiers. Thus, this thoughtless and selfish act on the part of one man, may spoil the chances of many other soldiers.

I notice that there is a tendency amongst pensioners to try to commute a part of their pension for such things as paying the initial instalment on a house or for buying furniture. This is very bad finance on the part of the man, as he is sacrificing an income for life to get over a temporary difficulty. Personally, I would never give my approval or recommendation to such a proposal.

In conclusion, the new savings scheme brought in by Army Order 108 of 1930, should be made full use of by every soldier. The earlier in his service that a man starts saving, the better for him when he leaves the colours. Work out what you will have saved when you leave the colours by banking only the price of two cigarettes a day throughout your service. You will be surprised at the amount.

Extracts taken from "The Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research."

(*Continued from page* 194.)

IV. Origin of the Busby or Bearskin.

15. BUSBY. (Question No. 25. p. 122.) The original name for a headdress of fur; possibly the original sense of a busby wig came from association with Dr. Busby, of Westminster School, but it is derived from "Buzz," in the phrase "Buzz-wig."

There is a village in the North Riding of Yorkshire named Busby.

In its original form the military busby was a cylindrical fur cap having a "bag" of coloured cloth hung from the top. The end of this "bag" was attached to the right shoulder and padded with cotton material as a defence against sword cuts.

In Great Britain busbies are of two kinds. (*a*) Huzzar, cylindrical in shape, worn by Hussars and R.H.A. (*b*) The Rifle busby. A folding cap of astrakhan, in shape somewhat resembling a Glengarry, but taller; both have plumes in front of the head-dress.

The word busby is also used to denote the tall bear and racoon-skin hats worn by Foot-guards and Fusilier regiments.

Cylindrical busbies were formerly worn by the R.A., R.E., and Rifle regiments, but are now obsolete in the Regular Army, though still worn by some Territorial and Colonial troops of these arms.

V. Origin of the Word "Batman."

268. BAT-MAN, BAT-HORSE, etc. (Vol. VII. pp. 135 and 197.)

BAT-*Horses* / BAW-*Horses* } are baggage horses belonging to the Officers when on actual duty.

BAT-*Men* / BAW-*Men* } were originally servants hired in war time, to take care of the horses belonging to the train of artillery, bakery, baggage, etc. They generally wear the King's livery during their service. Men who are excused regimental duty, for the specific purpose of attending to the horses belonging to their Officers, are called batmen. (*An Universal Military Dictionary*, by Major Charles James. 4th Edition. 1816. p. 41.)

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DEATH.

CHALLONS.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 2nd October (suddenly), aged 56 years, Philip Challons, late Serjeant-Major (Depot) North'd. Fus., Major 9th D.L.I., and Commanding Officer, Officers Training Corps., Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Sec.-Lieut. J. E. Lean to be Lieutenant (dated 1st September).

Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith is seconded for service as an Adjutant, T.A. (dated 29th September, 1930).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., North'd. Fus., vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 29th September, 1930); Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith, North'd. Fus., to be Adjutant (dated 29th September, 1930).

7th Bn.—Colonel Nicholas Irwin Wright, D.S.O., T.A., Reserve of Officers, to be Hon. Colonel (dated 25th October, 1930).

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Obituary.

Major Philip Challons.

The death occurred suddenly late on Thursday night, 2nd October, of Captain (Brevet-Major) Philip Challons, Head Master's Secretary at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Major Challons, who was at the office on Thursday, complained in the afternoon of a headache, and he collapsed and died about midnight at his home in Grosvenor Road.

His death was a great shock to the staff and the boys, with whom he was very popular. Last year he resigned his commission in the School Contingent Junior Division, Officers Training Corps, in which capacity he had succeeded Major J. Talbot, T.D., in January, 1922. Under Major Challon's command, the Corps increased to record strength, and got excellent reports on inspection and camp work.

Major Challons was a Regular Army man. After 21 years' service in the Northumberland Fusiliers, during which he fought in the South African War, Major Challons (then Serjeant-Major) retired.

Subsequently, he joined the 9th (Gateshead) Battalion Durham Light Infantry (T.A.), in which he received his commission in March, 1913, and went to France with that Unit, as part of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division, in April, 1915. After being wounded, he returned to England in January, 1916, and three months later was posted to the 3/9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, at Rothbury, of which he became Captain and Adjutant.

When all the third line units of the regiment were amalgamated and underwent training at Cramlington, he was appointed Adjutant of the composite battalion which became the 5th (Reserve) Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Major Challons was mentioned in despatches during the War.

When the King came to Newcastle to open the Tyne Bridge, the School Corps provided a Guard of Honour, and was inspected by His Majesty, who chatted for a few moments with Major Challons, congratulating him warmly on his long service, and, having examined his medals, remarked : " You have earned them."

Deceased leaves a widow and two daughters.

Major A. H. M. Weddell.

We regret to record that Major Arthur Harold Manners Weddell, who was playing the part of the Colonel in " Journey's End," at the Grand Theatre, Bolton, died suddenly at his lodging in Bolton.

Major Weddell was the son of Col. Robert Weddell, V.D., who commanded the 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, for many years. As usual at that time, officers had a few years in the ranks, and Major Weddell had many happy reminiscences of those days. On being commissioned in 1904, he was early posted to the Belford Company under Capt. E. J. Hart, Bamburgh. On Col. Hart, as he is now, retiring, he was given command of that company, and was promoted Captain. He attended the Diamond Jubilee Review at London in 1907. Then when the change-over to Territorial Force came in 1908, the new title being 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, Major Weddell decided to continue, and for some two years continued to command at Belford, till Major C. Mitchell took over from him, and Major Weddell was given the command of " G " (Berwick) Company of the Berwick Detachment. With them he mobilised and went on coast defence duty, being shortly after seconded for

THE LATE MAJOR A. H. M. WEDDELL.
(AS THE C.O. IN " JOURNEY'S END").

special service at Blyth. On the formation of the 2nd Line Northumbrian Division, the deceased officer was selected as Brigade Major, the Brigade comprising the 2nd/4th, 2nd/5th, 2nd/6th and 2nd/7th Battalions. These eventually became draft-finding units, to their great disappointment, and Major Weddell vacated his general staff appointment, and, for a time, commanded the 2nd/4th Battalion. From there he went to the Recruiting Staff, Northern Command, York. Going overseas in 1917, he took part in the Paschendale fighting with his old unit, the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers, and also in the severe fighting around March 21st, 1918. Eventually he was invalided home and

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retired, receiving the Territorial Decoration in 1921 for his services.

Major Weddell was a cousin of Major H. R. Smail, Berwick, and the late Mr. F. W. Smail, both of whom served with him in the 7th Northumberland Fusiliers.

In 1911 he married Miss Ainslie White, elder daughter of the late Mr. Charles Fitzwilliam White, of Lahore, India, and Warwick. There is one daughter of the marriage.

To his family we tender our sympathy on behalf of all 5th Fusiliers.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Fulford Barracks,
York,
23rd October, 1930.

THE end of October finds us firmly settled again in barracks, and wrestling with all the usual problems of individual training, leave, football and hockey leagues, etc., etc.

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Our annual inspection by the Brigade Commander passed off peacefully, and the smell of gloy, grip-fix, and other similar pastes is gradually disappearing from Company Offices and Officers' quarters.

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Already there is a wintry nip in the air of an early morning, and now that the summer really is over we have had several days of glorious sunny weather, and those of us who have risen early of a morning to go cubbing, or have managed to get away for a day's shooting, have been able to appreciate the remarkable change in the weather more than most people.

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Keen horsemen may be seen daily exercising and schooling their expensive hunters, chargers, or "fifteen-bobbers," on the Low Moor, or over the cavalry jumps in the adjoining field.

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Recently one or two of these keen horsemen were startled by the spectacular entry into this latter field of a whirlwind horse and rider, and watched in awed silence while the pair circled the small field time after time at an undiminished gallop, and wondered why the rider shouted wildly each time he passed in his mad career, until at last a favourable gust of wind brought to their straining ears the words, "How can I get out of this —— field?"

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Maliciously ignoring the usual and unexciting exit, the watchers indicated an unpleasant looking fence and ditch as being the *only* way out, and horse and rider made an exit as spectacular as their entry.

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To 2nd Battalion readers who have seen him practising polo shots on "Roger" and other ponies, it will come as no surprise to learn that the rider was Captain Fryer, who joined us a few days ago on relinquishing the Adjutancy of the 4th Battalion.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Capt. and Mrs. Fryer to the 1st Battalion.

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A very successful "Syndicate Shoot" is rented by the Colonel, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Laing, Mr. Speer, Mr. Enderby, Sir Carnaby Haggerston, and Mr. Way, at Rawcliffe Bridge, where there are plenty of partridges, a few pheasants, and some unexpected snipes.

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Each member of the Syndicate takes his turn at organising the day's shoot, and with Sjt. Dennis as head-keeper and controller of beaters, very successful drives are staged, and provided the guns do their part, very useful "bags" are obtained, although we must confess that there are times when the birds seem to be armour-plated.

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On the 22nd our football team decisively defeated the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., by 5 goals to 2, in the first round of the Army Cup. Goals were scored by Cpl. Scanlan, Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, and Fus. Malcolm. We append an account of the match below.

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We are already looking forward to our probable departure overseas about this time next year, and endeavouring to forecaste our needs, and husband our resources. Our destination is as yet unknown, but the West Indies is still the favoured of rumour.

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Captain Redwood has been posted to this Battalion, and we expect him at the end of January. He has been away from the Regiment for so long that we have almost forgotten what he looks like.

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Major Chenevix-Trench is also shortly to join us on completion of his tour of command at the Depôt, in which he is to be succeeded by Major Powell.

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Below we give a "Location Table" of all Battalions of the Regiment:—

1st Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., York (for Foreign Service, 1931–32).

2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Colonel O. B. Foster, M.C., Lahore (for Shanghai, February 1931).

4th Battalion (Terr. Army), Lieut.-Colonel B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Newburn-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

5th Battalion (Terr. Army), Lieut.-Colonel W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Walker-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

6th Battalion (Terr. Army), Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

7th Battalion (Terr. Army), Lieut.-Colonel Hon. H. B. Robson, Alnwick, Northumberland.

Depôt, Major H. I. Powell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Football.

It is regretted that no football notes appeared last month, but owing to the many calls upon the services of the football correspondent, in other spheres of life, no time could be found to prepare the notes. However, it is now possible to put our doings, since the season started, into print.

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The Battalion are this season running two teams. The senior team, which is competing under the name of the 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, being in the York City and District Amateur League; and the second team, known as the 5th Fusiliers, are operating in the 2nd Division of the same League.

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During the period at Hindlow Camp several trial matches were played with a view to finding new talent.

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These did not reveal much talent, but it is thought that what was unearthed will be sufficient to carry us safely through the season.

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Four or five of the latest joined drafts show promise of developing into real good players. At present they are greatly in need of building up in the physical sense, after which they should improve in the scientific sense.

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Our trouble of last year seems to have been overcome, as we have found a real good outside right for the senior team, and two or three very promising inside men for the second, and possibly for the first.

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We played the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. while at Hindlow, and with three reserves playing we ran out easy winners by 7 goals to 1.

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As we are drawn against this team in the first round of the Army Cup, we naturally hope that the result will be something similar.

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A full account of this match appears later in these notes.

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It is fully intended to go all out for the Army Cup, and if possible bring it to York this season.

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The first match of the season in the York City and District League took place on the Garrison Ground, on the 27th September, our opponents being St. Lawrence's W.M.C.

The teams were :—

1ST BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Craig.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Fus. Dennison.
Lce.-Sjt. Smart. Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell.
Fus. Sewell. Cpl. Scanlon. Fus. Malcolm. Dmr. Caldwell.
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes.

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Puckering. Allen. Lindley. Dennis. J. Bell.
Dunne. Mercer. Ward.
Brough. McQuade.
Chown.

Our team lost the toss, and Hughes kicked off. The first attack came from the visitors, J. Bell putting across a good centre, which was cleared. Shortly after this Craig was called upon to save a hard shot from Lindley. This he successfully did, temporarily clearing our lines. Dennis started a good movement in which all the opposing forwards took part, Allen's final shot passing inches wide. St. Lawrence's next obtained a corner, which proved fruitless. Malcolm now broke away and with an open goal shot wide. End to end play ensued, with the visitors slightly the more dangerous. After about twenty minutes' play, and while the St. Lawrence's players were appealing for off-side, Hughes scored. A couple of minutes later Caldwell added the second goal. Sewell next worked along the wing, gave to Scanlon, who went on, and, although sandwiched by two opponents, worked his way through to score a lovely shot, which gave Chown no chance. From the centre, the visitors worked their way down through Puckering, whose centre went begging. The St. Lawrence's forwards, who were having plenty of chances, proved themselves very faulty in front of goal. From a well-placed corner by Puckering, Dennis headed in for Craig to bring off a great clearance. Three corners in quick succession were awarded to our team, but no goals accrued. After 40 minutes' play, Hughes, obtaining the ball in the centre, went through, and, giving Chown no chance, scored the fourth goal. Half-time—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers, 4. St. Lawrence's—Nil.

After the resumption, our team quickly settled down and took the game in hand, and the visitors soon felt the strain. The continued pressure by our forwards soon had its reward, and further goals were added by Hughes (2), Caldwell, Sewell and Scanlon. In the last few minutes of the game, Bell, after beating five opponents, was foully brought down in the visitors' goal area, and Scanlon converted. Result :—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers—9. St. Lawrence's W.M.C.—Nil.

The second, which is likely to be our hardest game of the season, was the league runners-up of last year—Rowntree's Works.

The teams were as follows :—

1ST BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Craig.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Fus. Dennison.
Lce.-Sjt. Smart. Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell.
Fus. Sewell. Cpl. Scanlon. Fus. Malcolm. Dmr. Caldwell.
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

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G. Watson.
G. Bantock. E. Stainsby. K. Nicholson A. Hepplewaite.
N. Rigby. E. Lickiss. C. Charlton.
A. E. Bell. G. Martindale.
G. Taylor.

The match was played at Haxby Road. Bell lost the toss, and Hughes, kicking off, ran the ball up the field, and only just missed the goal. Malcolm soon forced a corner, but Lickiss managed to get the ball away. Another corner was placed behind by Caldwell. The Rowntree's team then broke away, and Nicholson pushed the ball through to Watson, who, however, sent behind. Bantock next tested Craig, who cleared. Rowntree's continued to press, and forced three corners in succession, but Craig still remained undefeated. Our team gradually forced their opponents back to their own territory, and from a throw in, Malcolm gained possession, only to shoot over the bar. Shortly after this, Peppiatt miskicked, and Rowntree's, seizing the opportunity, forced a goal through Stainsby. Roused by this reverse, our team again attacked strongly, and Malcolm and Caldwell tested Taylor, who did well to save both shots. Our team, having now realised that the short passing game was no use in the long grass, adopted the long passing method of play, and kept their opponents on the defensive, but could not score. Bell, in particular, was unfortunate with one of his shots, which cannoned off Martindale with Taylor well beaten. Half-time arrived with our opponents who again scored from a break away, and a misunderstanding

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between Craig and Dennison to the advantage of Stainsby, leading two goals to nil.

On the resumption, the Fusiliers attacked strongly, and, after 12 minutes, Hughes opened our account giving Taylor no chance. We still continued to press, and, after a few minutes' play, Hughes again beat Taylor, and brought the scores level. Our team continued to have the better of the play, and Sewell, Malcolm and Scanlon were unlucky in having good efforts saved when seemingly impossible. After 25 minutes of the second half had elapsed, Hughes again obliged, and put us ahead. Our opponents, for a few minutes, took the game in hand, and, from a free kick against Caldwell, in the centre of our area, Charlton scored, Craig failing to hold the ball. From the centre kick, our forwards, by neat passing, went the length of the field, and the movement ended by Sewell centring for Hughes to score a beautiful header well out of the reach of Taylor. During the whole of this advancing movement not one of our apponents touched the ball. This further success settled our opponents, who became very erratic, and were decidedly fortunate that the score was not further increased. No further scoring took place, and so ended a good game, with the better team winning.

Result :—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers—4. Rowntree's—3.

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11th October—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers *v.* Ripon City.

This match was played on the Garrison Ground. It was decided to play Gofton, who has been playing very well for the second team, a run out with the 1st XI., this being the only change from the two previous matches. From the commencement our team soon got busy, and were soon around the visitors' goal. This attack, however, failed. Ripon next proved dangerous, and Gofton was lucky to push the ball round the upright for a corner, which proved fruitless. The Ripon forwards, although playing good approach football, were very weak in front of goal. After a good individual effort, Scanlon passed the ball to Hughes, who easily beat the goalkeeper. Two minutes later, Caldwell took a pass from Hughes, cut in, and scored with one of his characteristic drives into the corner of the net. The pace was now being set by our players, and, from a pass by Scanlon, Sewell raced along the wing, beat the opposing back, and scored a beautiful goal. Our half-backs now gave very little scope to the visiting forwards, but what they did get they took advantage of, and soon moved goalwards, only to fail at the critical moment. Shortly before the interval, Hughes, gaining possession, ran through the defence and scored with a great effort, giving the keeper no chance.

Half-time :—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers—4. Ripon City—Nil.

After the re-start, Ripon pressed for some minutes, but failed to score. Our team gradually gained the upper hand, and penned the visitors in their own half. Twice Malcolm, presented with easy chances, failed to convert. It was some time before any further scoring took place. The pressure exerted by our team, particularly the forwards who were playing good football, told the tale on our opponents, and relief was only forthcoming when Sewell, with a good left foot drive, scored the fifth goal of the match. Following this, a long shot by Scanlon struck the cross bar, rebounded into play for Malcolm to open his account. The same player later registered two further goals, and we ran out winners by eight goals to nil. During the later stages of the game, the defence of the City team were chiefly concerned with keeping the debit side of their goal average down, and did a lot of kicking out. We wish to record our appreciation of the visitors' custodian, who did really good work, and was in no way to blame for the weakness of the defence and the consequent glut of goals.

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18th October—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers *v.* Fishergate O.B.

The match took place on the Fishergate Ground. Our team turned out at full strength, Gofton being retained in goal.

Fishergate commenced the game, kicking up hill. The start was sensational. Holder, the centre forward of the Old Boys, put the ball across to Wheeleron, the outside left, who ran through and centred, for Holder to find the net in the first minute. Immediately after the kick-off, Caldwell obtained, and, running through, shot hard along the ground, and Hughes assisted into the net, this equalising. End to end play ensued for some minutes, and then Scanlon dribbled through, and passed to Sewell, but the ball went out of play. Our right wing was now conspicuous, Sewell working down the wing and placing across for Hughes to shoot past. Smart next sent across to Malcolm, who gave to Caldwell, whose shot was charged down by one of the backs and eventually cleared. Fishergate broke away, but off-side spoiled the movement. Our team continued to press, Hughes tested the goalie, who turned the ball round the post for a fruitless corner. Fishergate again broke away, and Holder, beating Dennison, advanced to the goal. Gofton, who had come out, diverted his shot for a corner, which had no result. Shortly after, Gofton was again conspicuous by running out to make another good save. A pretty movement of the Fishergate right wing resulted in a fruitless corner. A long shot by Smart was fisted by the goalkeeper. Hughes obtained possession, and tried to put the ball over the head of the goalkeeper, who managed to save at the expense of a corner, which gave no beneficial result. Caldwell, receiving at the half way line, put across to Sewell, who forced another corner. Malcolm received the kick, and his shot glanced along the cross bar and was eventually sent behind for a goal kick. We continued to have the best of the play, and, following a mêlèe in the goal mouth, Scanlon scored our second goal. Half time :—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers—2. Fishergate O.B.—1.

After the interval, our side, playing up the slope, had most of the game, and only the fine play of the opposing goalkeeper kept the score down. Hughes, Smart and Malcolm added further goals, and we ran out winners by 5 goals to 3. Our opponents are to be congratulated on their clean sporting game.

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22nd October. **Army Cup.** 1st Round.

In this match we were drawn against the 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment, our neighbours at Strensall. The game was played on the Garrison Ground, York, the teams lining up as follows :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Gofton.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Fus. Dennison.
Lce.-Sjt. Smart. Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell.
Fus. Sewell. Cpl. Scanlon. Fus. Malcolm. Dmr. Caldwell.
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes.

2ND BN. WEST YORKS.

Lce.-Cpl. Young.
Pte. Thompson Cpl. Pickering.
Pte. Brown R.S.M. Everard Pte. Hulse.
Lce.-Cpl. Walker Sjt. Strutt Lce.-Cpl. Brown
Bdmns. Holland. Pte. Chapman.

Our captain lost the toss, and Hughes kicked off towards the Fulford end. The West Yorks got going through Hulse,

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who sent Chapman away, but the movement collapsed owing to a player getting off-side. They again attacked, and Lce.-Cpl. Brown, receiving in the penalty area, and although pressed by Peppiatt, managed to test Gofton, who saved cleverly. Our forwards advanced from a free kick, and Young was called upon to save. Play was soon transferred again to our end, and Gofton was lucky to stop a hard shot from Walker at the expense of a corner, which proved fruitless. Play was now fast. A free kick to us was taken by Charlton, his shot at goal being charged down. Our forwards were becoming dangerous, and Scanlon and Sewell tested Young, who cleared. Our team, by good combination, had the better of the play, and kept the West Yorkshire's defence busy. After twenty minutes' play Sewell obtained the ball and passed to Scanlon, who shot hard, but Young failed to hold and the ball went into the net. Our men were now well on top, two corners were forced, and shots by Bell and Charlton only just missed. Our opponents now had a look in, and Walker passed out to Holland, who shot; Gofton stopped the ball but could not gather, and Lce.-Cpl. Brown, running in, scored the equaliser after twenty-five minutes. Another attack by our team commenced. Hughes shot for goal, but his shot was charged down by Thompson, who had to receive the attention of the trainer. Shortly after this Young was lucky in saving another shot from Hughes, but conceded a corner. The West Yorks now had a spell of pressing, but our defence held out. Relief was obtained when Charlton headed to Hughes, who made a good run, tested Young who charged down the ball for Scanlon, who was in close attendance, to shoot hard and hit the under side of the bar, the ball finding the net. Just before half time Young again saved from Hughes, and Pickering gave a corner. This was well placed by Smart. Young twice fisted out, but was beaten by the third return shot from Malcolm.

Half-time—5th Fusiliers, 3; 2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., 1.

Immediately after the resumption the West Yorks pressed, and Gofton conceded a corner which Dennison cleared. Shortly after Gofton made two clever clearances from Strutt and Chapman, and then Strutt missed the ball, striking the upright and going out of play. After about ten minutes of the second half our opponents' right wing got away, Brown centring for Strutt to score their second goal. Caldwell next forced a corner, Pickering clearing and sending his forwards away again. Peppiatt cleared, then Malcolm and Caldwell both unsuccessfully tested Young. After thirty minutes of the second half Smart sent in a pretty corner kick for Malcolm to score our fourth goal with a good header. In the next few minutes both goalkeepers brought off remarkable saves. A good centre by Holland was gathered by Strutt, but Gofton collected the ball from his foot and cleared. Another attack by the West Yorks was broken up by Peppiatt. Hughes received, worked his way through the opposition and shooting outside the penalty area gave Young no chance of saving. No further score took place, and we progressed to the second round by winning by 5 goals to 2.

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It is regretted that notes on the second team matches cannot be given. The results of their matches up to date are as follows:—

Versus R.A.S.C.. Won, 6—3.
„ Easingwold. Lost, 1—6.
„ R.A.S.C. Won, 2—0.
„ R.A. and Signals. Won, 5—0.

Goal scorers to date:—

1ST TEAM.

Lce.-Cpl. Hughes ..	13	Dmr. Caldwell ..	3
Fus. Malcolm	6	Lce.-Sjt. Smart ..	1
Cpl. Scanlon	5		—
Fus. Sewell	3		31
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2ND TEAM.

Fus. Brown	6	Lce.-Cpl. Attree ..	1
Lce.-Cpl. Greenwell	5		—
Fus. Hudson	2		14
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Each team at present occupies the third position in its respective League.

Serjeants' Mess.

Training, musketry, etc., having finished, all our members have now returned to Headquarters. Even the Mess at Strensall has closed down.

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We have consequently taken on a more peaceful attitude—such things as "Square Formation," "Echelon," "Furlough," "Hong-Kong," not to mention our old friend "Amendments," being the general subjects for discussion and solution.

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Training for War is nothing compared with the peaceful aspect of the Winter Training programme.

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One of the most discussed subjects is the shoot for the Royal Irish Cup.

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The Mess entered two teams for this, but owing to unforeseen circumstances it has only lately been possible to complete the shoot of the second team.

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Actually the second to fire was the first.

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This consisted of C.S.M.'s Purcell and Brown, C.Q.M.S. Irwin, Sjts. Peppiatt, Hackett and Hobbs.

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Quite a formidable lot when they are weighed up.

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"Watcher" who had the privilege of seeing these lads operating during practice, thought that they would be the "goods" for a back end gamble, and incidentally the landing of a good prize.

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But——the result leaves one to ponder and think, have they justified the confidence felt in them.

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It is very disquieting to hear such remarks as "Was it NERVES?—No." "Wind?—Yes, just a little." "Ammunition?—Yes, that 1927 High Velocity stuff—wouldn't go near the target, and you cannot beat the old stuff."

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However, apart from the downfall of the favourite, the score of 394 is good, and we hope and trust that our names shall appear in the prize list.

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The 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards have left York for their new station—Aldershot.

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The Band and Drums played them to the station, and also played appropriate music at the station.

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C.S.M. Scott, Sjts. Chapman and Hobbs represented the Mess at the station and on behalf of the members wished them Good Luck.

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The Mess at the moment resembles a bee hive. This is owing to the fact that we have a large number of members of Territorial Messes attached who are endeavouring to overcome the mysteries of Physical Training and its various tables.

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It is understood that the authorities are trying out a new one for those who have passed middle age.

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Many of our members sincerely hope that the try-out is a complete failure.

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We held our first Whist Drive and Dance of the season on the 10th of the month.

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There was a good gathering, and judging from the number of smiling faces our future gatherings are assured of success.

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The result of the Whist was as follows :—

LADIES.		GENTS.	
1, Miss Kitchen ..	181	1, Mr. Metcalfe ..	174
2, Miss Buckle ..	177	2, Mrs. Bell ..	169
3, Miss Hull	176	3, S/Sjt. Brown ..	165 (after a tie)

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Having arranged an " All In " policy with the N.A.A.F.I., we adjourned to the Dance Hall, there to test for " wind."

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It was rather surprising to find that many members were sorely tried to keep the pace, particularly after five weeks of " mountain warfare " at Buxton Spa.

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" Watcher " affirms that there are many " Platers " and " Tubed " members among our Mess stable.

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He, however, thinks that by careful treatment they can be made fit to last out the season, without resorting to " dope."

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It was pleasing to see our " Nursery " tip, " William," colt, showing signs of coming to hand early.

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Also to see that another member, previously unsuspected of any tendencies to the terpsichorean art, gyrating in first-rate style on the floor.

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We were pleased to receive visits from past members in the persons of ex-Q.M.S. Gale (" Windie ") and ex-Sjt. W. C. Loder (" Harry ") during the month.

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Glad we are to see that they are looking so fit, and to know that Labour troubles have no terror for them.

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May it long continue so.

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Considering the sad state of unemployment, it is gratifying to see that so many of our late members easily obtain posts.

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Billiard Handicaps are shortly to commence among the members.

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" Staker," the big noise of last season, has already given orders to the caterer regarding the " Nixon " cue to be either re-tipped, re-shod, or totally removed.

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It would be as well to watch carefully this rising star of the billiards world.

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When told that he would have to owe a few this time, he replied that he never owed anything in his life.

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So there we are.

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Our billiard team played the Working Men's Club from South Bank, on our own cloth, on the 17th instant.

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After a very interesting contest we ran out winners by 65 points.

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The individual games resulted as follows :—

5TH FUSILIERS.		SOUTH BANK W.M.C.	
Sjt. Hobbs	100	J. S. Wharton ..	83
C.S.M. Clarke ..	86	W. Dickenson ..	100
Sjt. Babington ..	100	A. Coulson ..	40
Sjt. Peppiatt ..	65	D. Puddick	100
Sjt. Swain	100	W. W. March ..	75
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	100	H. Fletcher ..	88
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We have also played the Officers at hockey during the month, and were beaten by 4 goals to 3.

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This was a very good game, and the better team won.

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Several of our " Platers " did very well, but they were no match for the two-year-olds.

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We have to have more of these games, to say nothing about billiards.

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We have also had visits from the following recently :—R.S.M. Blakey (4th Bn.), R.S.M. Tyrrell (5th Bn.), R.S.M. O'Hara (6th Bn.), R.S.M. Ratliff (7th Bn.).

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Pleased to see that they are all in first class condition.

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The real object of their visit was to discuss the question of "Claims" with the Regimental Paymaster.

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It is understood that they have all received "Q.1." certificates.

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It is pleasing to report that "Sammy," "Fred" and "Jimmy" are free at last, and that they have forsaken Rod, Pole and Perch for Canteen, Guard and Church.

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Oh! for a quiet sit and smoke,
The senior of this trio spoke,
"Fred," said "Jimmy," "is it day or night?"
"What matters?" says "Sammy," "Gun Fires Alright."

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"Pep" is on loan to the Band at present. He accompanied them on the march lately complete with double-B—not BASS.

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This probably accounts from the sudden depression on that day.

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We still find a few for the Battalion soccer teams. "Pep" and "Jakey" being ever presents for the 1st XI., and "George" an ever present for the second string.

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Anxiety exists regarding one of our single members who some nights ago was found in possession of a curious "make up" kit.

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It is believed that the lip salve has some connection with a recent application to join the Shanghai Defence Force.

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All sunburnt men are not handsome. So why worry?

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This same young man is very unsettled, and can always be heard going about in the Dining Room singing "Madame Butterfly," which is immediately switched off to "Symphony Pathetique" when anyone else invades the room.

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One of our sleuths has been told off to keep in touch with the registrars in the vicinity.

Drama—The 7.10.

Characters—MR. QUICK AND MR. SLOW.
Incidental Music—THE WIRELESS.
Scene—THE MESS ROOM. *Time*—6.45 P.M.

1st Act.

Quick.—Good evening, Slow.
Slow.—Good evening, Quick—Big One?
Quick.—Yes, please.
Slow.—How is the musketry annual going on?
Quick.—Oh! quite good, I have worked out the figure of merit.
Slow.—Have a game of billiards? I'll give you sixty.
Quick.—No, I am afraid I haven't time at the moment, will see you later.

Exit Mr. Quick.

The space of 1½ hours elapses between Acts 1 and 2.

Enter Mr. Quick.

2nd Act.

Quick.—Well, Slow, I am sorry for being absent so long, but I really couldn't help it.
Slow.—Same old tale. I am finished with you.
Quick.—Well, you see I have not much time during the day to attend to such items as Prizes for Whist Drives, "All In" Policies, etc.
Slow.—Ah, yes! I understand. Well, do you think you can have that game of billiards now? Same conditions.
Quick.—Yes, I think so.
Slow.—Caterer—two, please.

Game now commences.

After a space of ten minutes or so

Slow.—Quick, just put out the lights, please. Rule 6, you know.
Quick.—And, Slow, don't forget the book, one cannot be too careful in this place now-a-days with so many young bloods.

Lights go out and curtain.

Corporals' Club.

On the 3rd of the month the Club held the first of its monthly dances in the Garrison Gymnasium.

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The dance was well attended, we had some of our friends from Strensall, the 2nd Battalion The West Yorkshire Regiment, and we sincerely hope that they enjoyed themselves.

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We, one and all, thank the Dance President and his Committee for their untiring efforts to make the dance a success.

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We have been challenged to a billiards match with our senior rivals, the Serjeants. This match takes place in the Serjeants' Mess on the 24th, which will make it too late for the results to be given in this month's notes, so let's hope we shall have the pleasure of writing next month to say we beat them.

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We should have played the Corporals of the Depôt West Yorkshire Regiment at hockey, but owing to a practice mobilization parade taking place on the same day, the hockey match was unavoidably put off. However, we hope to have the pleasure of a game with them yet.

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On Wednesday, the 22nd, we played the 1st round of the Army Cup, several members of the Club being included in the Regimental Team; needless to say, they all gave a good exhibition of themselves. A full account of the game will be found elsewhere.

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Lce.-Cpl. Erskine left us during the past month to go to civvy life. Good luck, Tommy.

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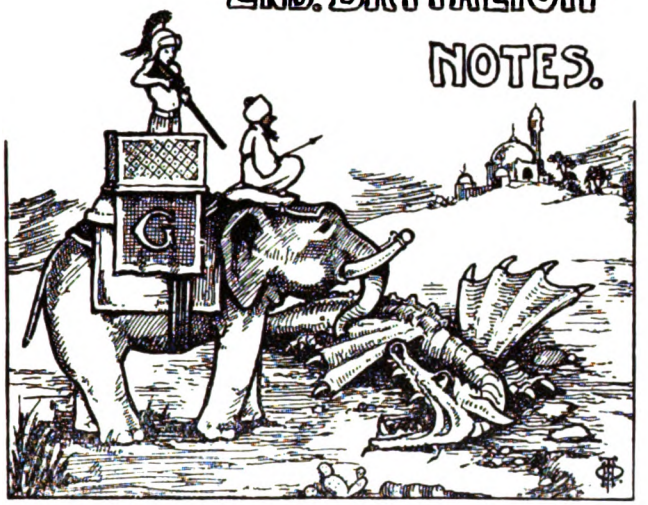
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



India,

October, 1930.

"OWING to moves, 2nd Battalion Notes unavoidably omitted. All quiet. Battalion now Dagshai, less two Companies Lahore.—2nd Bn."

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The above cryptic cable was received by us on 30th October. —ED. *St. G. G.*

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne,

October, 1930.

DURING the past month, we have been pleased to receive visits from :—Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., Major H. I. Powell, Capt. T. C. L. Redwood, Capt. L. G. Thomas, M.C., Mr. R. F. Forbes-Watson, Mr. R. H. Yorke, and Major B. T. St. John.

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We have also received official visits from Col. A. C. Robinson, D.S.O. (A.D. of S. and T.), Col. F. S. Irvive, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B. (D.D.M.S.) the Area Education Officer, and Col. P. E. Hodgson, D.S.O. (Chief Engineer).

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On the 29th September, the Area Commander (Maj.-Gen. H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,) carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depôt. He was accompanied by Maj. V. A. H. Daly, M.C., and Maj. H. S. Pinder, M.C.

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On the 2nd October we were visited by a party from The Depôt The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

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By the time these notes appear in print, a Depôt party (Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Lieut. A. C. Collingwood, C.S.M. A. Moon and C.Q.M.S. F. Avison) will have paid a visit to the Depôt, The Border Regiment at Carlisle.

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We congratulate Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Clarke on having passed their (*a*) examination for promotion to Captain.

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The Adjutant and Sjt. Frayne have both returned from Hythe. The latter is busily engaged in imparting his knowledge to the N.C.O.'s of the Training Cadre and Training Company, who are positively thirsting after knowledge. The former has contented himself with handing over some hundred sheets of typescript of the new Small Arms Training to Captain Byrne, who, whilst waiting to sail for India, is occupying his time by duplicating these precious notes, in order that the contents of the new S.A.T. may be familiar to Depôt Instructors prior to its actual publication. We understand that the new S.A.T., with luck, will appear in January of next year. In the meantime we hope that the said notes won't be too severely amended,

TRAINING COMPANY STAFF.
(*Photo by E. W. Gosman*).

as not only will Capt. Byrne's energy have been wasted, but the Adjutant and Sjt. Frayne will no longer be in the strong position of being the only persons who are absolutely "up to date"!

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Lce.-Sjt. Naylor is now attending a Long Qualifying Course at Hythe.

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Lieut. H. S. Flower, we learn, is to join the Depôt for a tour of duty on the 16th January next year; and Lieut. A. C. Collingwood expects to sail for Shanghai (*via* Singapore) on or about that date.

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On the 23rd October, Lieuts. Collingwood and Clarke conducted a Certificate "A" Examination (Part I.) for candidates from the Royal Grammar School O.T.C., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of whom all but two were successful.

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Sjt. Harris, of the 1st Battalion, who recently relieved Sjt. Finnamore as a P.S.I. at the Durham U.C. O.T.C., has been undergoing a Refresher Course in Weapon Training, with the Training Cadre.

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Owing to the general re-organisation of the Northern Command, due to the formation of the 5th Division, the O.C., R.A.S.C., Northumbrian Area, has taken up his residence at the Military Reception Station, and the Officer i/c R.A.S.C. Duties has once again become the Officer i/c Barracks.

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We have to thank Major W. S. Wingate Grey and the Officers of the 97th Field Battery R.A. for so kindly having presented us with a very handsome silver tankard as a memento of their visit to the Mess this summer, whilst the remainder of their Brigade were in camp. This is a gift which we very much appreciate.

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We are very grateful to Colonel Bett for so kindly having presented to the church hut a picture of the Regimental Memorial Window in the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

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The funeral of the late Major P. Challons, whose obituary notice appears in this number of the *St. George's Gazette*, took place with military honours on 6th October, at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Both the 5th and 68th Depôts were represented by Officers. The W.O.'s and Serjeants of the FIFTH acted as bearers, and the Firing Party was also found by the Depôt of the FIFTH. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths were those from the Officers, Depôt North'd. Fusiliers; W.O.'s and Serjeants, Depôt North'd. Fusiliers; Other Ranks, Depôt North'd. Fusiliers; Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers, York; and All Ranks, Durham Light Infantry.

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The Depôt were represented at the weddings of Messrs. Kilgour and Beckwith by Mr. Holdsworth Hunt.

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The Autumn Meeting at High Gosforth Park was attended by Major Chenevix-Trench, Mr. Holdsworth Huut, Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Clarke. We are pleased to be able to report that in spite of the small attendance, the Depôt box was well patronised, as over thirty persons were entertained to tea on the first day, and about half that number on the second day.

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Mr. Clarke has been playing Rugby regularly for his club (Northern).

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A Squash Rackets Competition, open to Officers of the Garrison, is at present in the process of being played off, and we hope to be able to report the result in our notes next month.

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Capt. Cooper proceeded to Catterick on 12th October, to play against Capt. Fisher, R.A.S.C., in the semi-final round in the Northern Command Officers' Singles Championship. After leading 4—1 in the first set, Capt. Cooper struck a bad patch and lost the next three games, making the score 4—4; he took the next game, but lost the set 5—7, and the second set at 3—6. Capt. Fisher is a Wimbledon player.

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If our notes this month are more than usually short, it is because we are all busily engaged in connection with the impending visit of the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion—*e.g.*, Armistice Sunday, Armistice Day, Depôt "At Home," Fusiliers' Dance, etc.

Training Company.

Our strength to date is:—63 recruits, composed of June Squad (Sjt. Lawless), and September Squad (Sjt. Greaves). The former will soon be leaving us to join the 1st Battalion. We open to recruiting in the near future, when it is hoped that a full complement of standard squads will be formed.

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Our activities are commensurate with our strength, consequently little of interest remains to be chronicled.

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Our winter dances have commenced, two up to the present having been held, both of which were an unqualified success—socially, financially, and in many other ways.

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The second round of the Northern Command Recruit Football Tournament was played on 6th October, against The Durham Light Infantry. We had few recruits with which to choose a team, nevertheless a very spirited game took place, resulting in a win for the D.L.I.

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Our Cross Country Runs take place weekly, the results being:

6/10/30	1, June Squad	192 points.
	2, September Squad ..	228 ,,
20/10/30	1, June Squad	138 points.
	2, September Squad	163 ,,

Individual placings:—

1st Run 1, Fus. Maddison, June Squad.
2, Fus. Robinson, September Squad.
2nd Run 1, Fus. Maddison, June Squad.
2, Fus. Wall, June Squad.

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The room competition progresses apace. Up to going to press it appears to be a close thing between June Squad (Sjt. Lawless) and September Squad (Sjt. Greaves). The champions, April Squad (Sjt. Chislett) are now with the Battalion, and it is hoped that they are improving on their standard while at the Depôt.

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We have now been informed by the Manager of the Hippodrome that on each Monday we have allotted to us fifty-five seats to the 1st house. This is an excellent treat, as it allows of a little competition among the recruits for a seat—only the best conducted are allowed to go.

JUNE" SQUAD.—SJT. LAWLESS, CPL. JOHNSON, LCE.-CPL. WHITE.
(Photo by E. W. Gosman).

Football.

The following matches have been played in the Tyneside Wednesday League:—

29th Sept.—5th Fusiliers *v.* Blyth United, at Blyth. Draw, 3—3.

1st Oct.—5th Fusiliers *v.* Newcastle Trams, at Fenham. Lost, 1—4.

8th Oct.—5th Fusiliers *v.* Gosforth Wednesday, at Gosforth. Lost, 0—5.

15th Oct.—29th Field Battery R.A. *v.* 5th Fusiliers. Won, 5—0.

22nd Oct.—5th Fusiliers *v.* 98th Field Battery. Won, 8—1.

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The following have represented the Depôt in the last two matches, and now the team has settled down we hope to have a successful season :—

Fus. Bonner.
Fus. Johnson. Dr. Stockton.
Sjt. Graham. Fus. Sinclair. Cpl. Gray.
Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Jarmain.
Cpl. Taylor.

Extracts from Part II. Orders.

POSTINGS.

4263810 Fus. R. Maddison re-posted to 1st Battalion, 30/9/30.
4257672 Fus. J. Charlton, re-posted to 1st Battalion, 1/10/30.
4256916 Fus. T. Mallen, posted to Depôt Tour of Duty.
4267049 Fus. J. Lawson, 1/10/30.
4256266 Fus. W. Ouzman, re-posted to 1st Battalion, 24/10/30.
7211301 Fus. D. Bridgeman, posted to Depôt Tour of Duty, 22/10/30.

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EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

4336529 Lce.-Sjt. H. Naylor extended his service to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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EXTENSION TOUR OF DUTY.

4263162 Lce.-Sjt. W. Graham, Tour of Duty extended to 4/10/31.
7076100 Cpl. E. Jarmain, Tour of Duty extended to 30/8/31.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn Detachment.

Newburn.

October, 1930.

THIS last month there has actually been a little bit of soldiering ; true, it was only the odds and ends of the Detachment completing their musketry course at Ponteland, and, no doubt, this could have been done earlier, but thereby hangs a tale.

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As mentioned in our last notes, we have just changed adjutants, and it is, of course, an understood thing that the outgoing adjutant leaves his litter for the incoming adjutant to clear away. This is now quite an established practice ; they all do it. If they didn't, the new adjutants would come along and be quite unable to find anything to do for quite a while, with a subsequent loss of morale, which of course is a bad thing.

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On Friday, 3rd October, the Officers of the Battalion gave a farewell dinner to our out-going adjutant, Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
He attended.

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So did the incoming adjutant, Capt. K. A. Seth-Smith.

The C.O., Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, was away from home, and could not attend, likewise Major Hare who was away on a course on " How to run a battalion," also the Padre, Canon Milner, had a previous engagement along the passage, otherwise all the Officers were present. Capt. Clarke was unable to be at the " dinner proper," but he got there in time for the nuts.

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He was suitably primed, so were we all.

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This was a good thing.

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Major Bradley presided, and made an excellent speech, in which he said that " There were as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it." That is the worst of having both one's O.A. and I.A. present together at a function of this nature, as one's style is rather liable to be cramped somewhat.

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However, like the sailor in *Punch*, we all " larfed 'earty," and meant no offence.

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Both the O.A. and I.A. did a little delicate speechifying, and we concluded by honouring the O.A. with a " Swazi Wallah."

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Finally, we packed up, and with the exception of one or two who escaped *en route*, we proceeded to another successful Serjeants' Mess Ball, which was being held at Newburn. More good work was put in there, and both the O.A. and I.A. said their respective party pieces all over again.

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Capt. and Mrs. Seth-Smith have taken up residence in Hexham, and we welcome them to the Battalion and hope that they will have a good time with us during the next four years.

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On the 10th and 11th, another divisional tactical exercise without-troops-for-officers took place, this time in the vicinity of Cornsay in Durham County. Major Bradley, Capt. Seth-Smith, Capt. Wood and Mr. Neville attended from the Detachment.

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On the morning of the 11th, a terrific action took place, and we were driven from our defensive position on the Cornsay Ridge. Luckily however, Vapt. Clark of Haltwhistle had firmly established his defence on the forward slopes of Esh, and from here we were enabled to deliver a very deliberate counter attack with great success in the afternoon.

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In the evening, the exercise was rounded off with a lecture on battle plans given by Maj.-Gen. J. F. Fuller, C.B.E., D.S.O.

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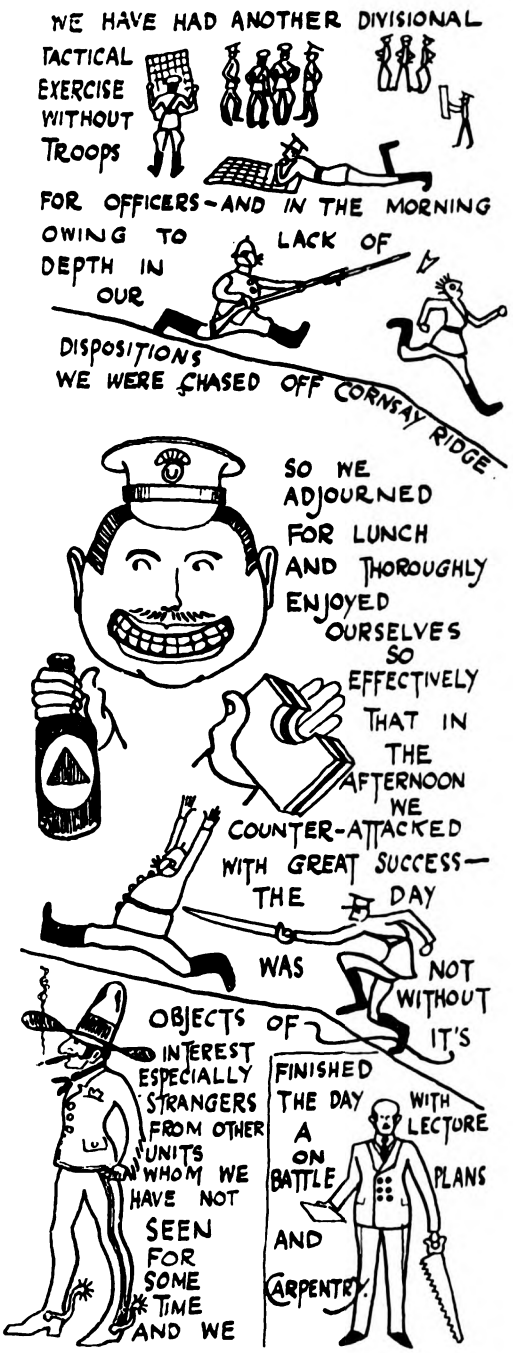
Incidentally, he also taught us quite a lot about the carpentry trade.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Haltwhistle Detachment.

It is a long time since any Notes were forthcoming from this Detachment, but this is not to be taken as an indication that we have nor been up and doing. In fact, in spite of the fact that this is now our slackest season, we have just signed on three new recruits, a thing that has not happened at this season for a very long time!

Although somewhat belated, may we take this opportunity of congratulating Capt. F. B. Clarke and his Prudhoe Guards on wresting the Champion Company Cup from us? May we also remind him to get his shield put on, as we would like the Cup handed back properly up to date next year?

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We hope to have a Boxing Tournament in the Drill Hall here in connection with "Z" Company, on 8th November, and hope to see a large turn-out.

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We welcome 2nd-Lieut. K. A. Clark into the fold, whether the fact that his Commander is also his brother will prove an advantage to him remains to be seen! We doubt it.

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On Friday, 3rd October, the Officers of the Battalion gave a "Farewell" dinner to Capt. Fryer, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. We are very sorry to lose Capt. Fryer;

he was the best type of "helpful" Adjutant, which is what we all want, but do not always get, however, we are sure we have again got it in Capt. Seth-Smith, whom we welcome most heartily to the Battalion.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
October, 1930.

IN penning the *Gazette* Notes for this month, one is reminded of the oft-repeated war-time phrase, "nothing further to report," or so it appears to be at Battalion Headquarters. There is practically a "nil" return for October, except for the following items.

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The members of the Serjeants' Mess are to hold a Re-Union Dinner in the Crown Hotel on Saturday, 8th November, when it is hoped there will be a good mustering of the "old gang." The report of the proceedings will follow next month.

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As many no doubt, will have seen in the Press, Armourer Sjt. Cunningham, of Bisley fame, has kindly offered to present to the Officers' Mess his collection of medals and the various trophies that have been gained by him, which offer has been gratefully accepted. This presentation is to take place later in the year, on which occasion the writer hopes to enumerate and record Armourer Sjt. Cunningham's many successes with the rifle.

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His name appears on the majority of the shooting Cups already in the Mess, since Sjt. Cunningham was for many years a member of this Battalion.

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It is a sad duty to place on record the loss sustained by the Battalion by the sudden death of Mr. S. Leete, father of Major W. H. Leete, our P.M.C.

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The late Mr. Leete was well known and highly respected in Northern Military circles, and had an unfailing interest in matters military, particularly concerning this Battalion. As a regular attender at all our functions, he was known by everyone throughout the Battalion, and it would be a strange Camp at which his face was not seen on the occasion of Guest Night.

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He is gone, but his name is always before us in the shape of the Drum-Major's Staff, which he kindly presented to the Mess some two years ago in conjunction with his wife.

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We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Leete and family in their sad bereavement.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

23rd October, 1930.

TERRITORIAL business is slack this month—hence very short notes.

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The chief item of interest during the month was the 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Tactical Exercise, held near Newcastle during the week end, 10th to 12th October.

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First we had to take up a defensive position, and later on stage a counter attack.

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The scheme was very well thought out, and we all benefited from it.

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The 7th Battalion was represented by Major Cowen, Capt. Potts, Mr. Sanderson, and Mr. Hart.

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Major Watson was able to attend the last lecture, by General Fuller, on the Saturday evening.

We much regret to have to report the death of Major A. H. M. Weddell, T.D., which occurred at Bolton on the 9th instant.

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Major Weddell mobilised with the Battalion in August, 1914, being then senior Captain. He was very shortly after promoted Major and posted to the second line. Later he became Brigade Major of the 2nd Line Brigade, and subsequently held various other staff appointments before proceeding overseas to join the 1st line Battalion. He resigned at the end of the war, being awarded the T.D. in 1919.

Fifteen Years Ago.

Relief.

We had a very pleasant surprise on the opening day of October, 1915, as Capt. N. I. Wright, Capt. J. Welch, Lieut. J. W. and Lieut. F. Merivale rejoined the Battalion, after having been "laid out" at St. Julien. Their return was a great accession of strength to the Battalion, and their old friends of all ranks were very glad to welcome them back.

The Battalion was still occupying Trenches 77 and 78, and things were very quiet indeed, and time hung heavily on our hands. Trench *warfare de luxe*, such as we were engaged in, became very monotonous with the same routine day after day. The arrival of the mail, which came up with the rations each night, was the only real daily bit of excitement, coupled perhaps with wondering what our marvellous Quartermaster had managed to put into the ration bags for us.

It is only natural, of course, in a "war of the first magnitude," as F.S.R. has it, that big battles cannot be raging all along the front every day, and right thankful we were to be left alone by the Huns. The Battle of Loos had taken heavy toll of both sides, and things were still very lively in that sector, and no doubt the greater part of the resources of both sides was occupied there. One can see now, after it is all over, how that had only we been plentifully supplied with shells and such like, by constantly demonstrating against the enemy, we would have been able to hold considerable numbers to the ground opposite us. As things were, there could only have been the very shadow of a "skeleton enemy" in the trenches over the way. Ours was more of a "live and let live" war at Armentieres—a real cushy part of the line. That soon changed for the worse, however!

About the middle of the month, rumours of the impending relief of the whole division by a division of "Kitchener's Army," began to float around, giving us plenty to talk about.

On Sunday, 24th October, some Officers of the 21st Division —the advanced party of our relief—actually came round and reconnoitred our positions; and on Monday, the 25th October, we were relieved by one of the Service Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, just up from Loos, and we marched back to Armentieres, wondering the while whither the fates would call us next.

To show what a quiet time we had had during the last month —we had been in the trenches from 23rd September to 24th October, without a break—our casualties amounted to 7 Other Ranks killed, and 19 Other Ranks wounded.

We spent Tuesday, 25th October, in cleaning up and packing limbers, etc., with all kit ready to vacate the area, and at about 3 p.m. we marched away from Armentieres, reaching Bailleul some two hours later, where we were comfortably billeted for the night.

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Next day the Battalion marched back to the small village of Strazeele for a period of Divisional rest.

Before moving off, however, two Officers—Lieut. F. B. Cowen and Lieut. F. Merivale—and 100 picked Other Ranks were detached and ordered to prepare for an inspection by His Majesty the King that afternoon.

A great deal of "spit and polish" was indulged in, and at 1.30 the detachment marched to the flying ground just off the Armentieres Road, and was there formed into two Platoons, going to make up a composite Battalion representative of all the Units of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division, under the command of Colonel Vaux, of the 7th Durham Light Infantry.

His Majesty carried out his inspection at 3 p.m., after which the troops marched past in column of fours, thereafter lining the road and cheering as the King drove away in his motor.

The composite Battalion was then dispersed, and our Detachment proceeded to Strazeele, to join the remainder of the Seventh.

Here the whole Battalion was comfortably put up—the men in barns mostly, and the Officers in farmhouses. No. 1 Company perhaps had the best billets, occupying "Ferme Barbry," the men all being in the large barn, and the Officers in Farmer Barbry's house. This gentleman and his family made us most welcome, and very comfortable, unlike many people similarly placed. He interested us greatly with his tales of little more than a year agone, when the Huns, during the "race to the sea," in the opening phase of the first Battle of Ypres, had penetrated right through nearly to St. Omer, overrunning his farm, and taking possession of his homestead, what time he and his people had lain hidden in the cellar—one of the features of nearly all the houses in Northern France and Belgium. He had never been discovered, and was now doing his best to show his appreciation of the British Forces engaged in defending his native land.

Here, then, we spent a very pleasant time, carrying out intensive training against the time of our return to the trenches. It was a great and welcome change to have regular hours every-day, decent nights' rest, good meals and plenty of recreation, and the troops soon became very fit and full of beans and good spirits.

149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade.

Reunion of Officers at 12th Annual Dinner.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR P. S. WILKINSON, K.C.M.G., C.B., presided at the 12th Annual Dinner of Officers of the Brigade who served in France, which took place on the 31st October, 1930, at Messrs. Tilley and Co.'s Rooms, Blackett Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The gathering was a great success, and the following Officers were amongst those present:—Colonels N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L.; A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., G.D., D.L.; E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L.; A. Irwin, D.S.O., T.D.; A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; E. Temperly, D.S.O., T.D.; E. G. Angus, M.C., T.D.; R. Chapman, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D.; J. M. Gover, D.S.O.; W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L.: Lieut.-Colonels G. E. Wilkinson, M.C.; W. E. Walker, T.D.; H. S. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L.; N. L. Parmeter, T.D.; J. R. Robb, T.D.: Majors A. B. Hare, M.C.; E. C. Dixon; F. B. Cowan, M.C.; R. Gibson, M.C.; E. H. Watson; S. W. Milburn, M.C.; R. M. Graham, M.C.; R. Atkinson, M.C., T.D.; A. D. Currie, M.C., T.D.; H. L. Meagher O.B.E., V.D., T.D.; R. Allen; F. Dawson, M.C.; G. F. Bell; W. R. Stowell; Captains R. W. Nicholson; T. Sopwith; R. Embleton, M.B.E., M.C.; T. M. R. Pinkney; F. Buckley, M.C.; H. B. Speke, O.B.E.; A. L. Napier, O.B.E., D.L.: Lieutenants V. Forslind, M.C.; H. V. Adams; H. T. Pape; R. Roxburg, M.C.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
October, 1930.

IN the obituary notice relating to the death of the late Mr. J. Hadfield, it should have been recorded that his funeral was attended by members of the Serjeants' Mess of the 5th Battalion, as well as the Depôt. Mr. Hadfield was closely associated with the 5th Battalion during his lifetime, and it is therefore the more to be regretted that the omission, which was due to two correspondents sending in obituary notices from different sources, should have occurred.

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We publish in this number another extract from Mr. Hogarth Todd's book "Tiger Tiger," published by Heath Cranton, Ltd., 6, Fleet Lane, London, E.C. 4. Mr. Todd has written several good books on the sporting life in India, one of which, a companion work to "Tiger Tiger," "Work, Sport, Play," is well worth a place on the list of books to read.

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New Military Decoration and Medals.

THE *London Gazette* published recently contains two Royal Warrants instituting a new Decoration and Medal for award to Officers and other ranks respectively of the Territorial Army and all other Auxiliary Military Forces throughout the Empire, in which the service rendered is of a voluntary or part-time character. The Warrants are dated the 23rd September, 1930, and come into effect from this date.

At present there are three separate Decorations and five Medals which may be awarded to Officers and other ranks of these forces, viz:—The Territorial Decoration and the Territorial Efficiency Medal; The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration and The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal; The Volunteer Officers' Decoration and the Volunteer

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Long Service Medal; The Special Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Militia Long Service Medal.

The existing conditions of award vary considerably, and have caused difficulties in administering the regulations for the grant of the various awards. It has been thought desirable to reduce the number of these Decorations and Medals, and the new Decoration and Medal have been instituted to provide in substitution throughout the Empire one Decoration and one Medal only for long and efficient service in auxiliary forces, with standardized conditions of award, and to recognize thereby the Imperial character of such service. The new Decoration and Medal are to be styled "The Efficiency Decoration" and "The Efficiency Medal."

The design of the Efficiency Decoration, which is similar to the existing Territorial Decoration, consists of an oak wreath in silver tied with gold, having in the centre the Royal Cipher and Crown in gold: the ribbon is green with a yellow stripe down the centre. The Decoration will bear a subsidiary title to denote the force in which the recipient qualified for the award of the Decoration, and this subsidiary title will be inscribed on the bar-brooch from which the Decoration is suspended. The service required to qualify for the Decoration is 20 years' commissioned service on the active list of the forces mentioned, but, as defined from time to time in regulations, half the time spent in the ranks may count, and war service may reckon two-fold. Officers on whom the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, The Territorial Decoration, or The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration has already been conferred, may not count any service, in the force in which they qualified for any of these Decorations, as qualifying service for the Efficiency Decoration. Officers of the Territorial Army who are awarded the Decoration will be entitled to the letters "T.D." after their names, like those at present awarded The Territorial Decoration, and Officers of other Auxiliary Military Forces throughout the Empire will be entitled to the letters "E.D." Separate regulations, in amplification of the Royal Warrant, will be made for the Territorial Army and for the Auxiliary Military Forces of each of the Dominions, Colonies, Protectorates and India.

The Efficiency Medal is of silver, oval in shape, with the Royal and Imperial Effigy on the obverse and the inscription "For Efficient Service" on the reverse: the ribbon is green with yellow stripes down the edges. The subsidiary title denoting the force in which the recipient qualified for the award of the medal will be inscribed on the mount of the Medal. The Medal will be awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Militia, the Territorial Army of other Auxiliary Military Forces throughout the Empire, who complete 12 years' efficient service, and Clasps will be awarded on completion of 18 years and 24 years' service. The service qualifying for the Medal and Clasps must be continuous, except in special circumstances, provided for in the Royal Warrant or defined in the regulations. The award of the Medal or Clasps will not entitle recipients to the addition of any letters after their names. Separate regulations will be made in amplification of the Royal Warrant, as in the case of the Decoration.

Another Royal Warrant published in the *Gazette* deals with The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) for whole-time service of soldiers in regular or permanent forces throughout the Empire. This Warrant is also dated 23rd September, 1930, and comes into effect from this date. The existing regulations governing the award of the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct to soldiers of the Regular Army at home, are contained in the King's regulations and the Royal Warrant for the Pay, etc., of the Army, and the grant of similar medals to soldiers of the permanent forces of the Dominions, Colonies and India is governed by a Warrant of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, dated 31st May, 1895. The conditions of award, however, are not identical throughout the Empire, whilst the designs of the Medals and the ribbons vary, and the purpose of the new Royal Warrant is to provide for the grant of a Medal under standardized conditions for soldiers of all the permanent military forces throughout the Empire.

The Medal, which is similar to the existing Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct for the Regular Army at home, is of silver with the Royal and Imperial Effigy on the obverse, and the inscription "For Long Service and Good Conduct" on the reverse: the ribbon is crimson, edged white. The Medal will bear a subsidiary title denoting the force in which the recipient qualified for the Medal, and this will be inscribed on a bar attached to the mount of the Medal. The Medal will be awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Regular Army and other Permanent Forces of the Empire who complete 18 years' service as defined in regulations, and whose characters and conduct have been irreproachable, and who are recommended by their Commanding Officers. There will be separate regulations in amplification of the Royal Warrant for each of the forces concerned.

Christmas Camp.

IT used to be the custom, and still is, I expect, in the Central Provinces of India to take a jungle for the Christmas holidays, and to arrange with your special friends to camp out and have a "shoot" together. It is best to choose a place where both big and small game shooting can be had. Continual machān shooting in the jungle, that is, sitting on a sort of platform in a tree waiting for big game to be driven up to the guns, is apt to become monotonous, except for the very young, and it is better to vary it with an occasional day after duck, peacock or jungle fowl. The Central Provinces offer some ideal places for this purpose, and the tents can be pitched in many picturesque spots where there are both varieties of sport to be obtained within riding distance.

The weather is invariably perfect at this time of year, more like that of the South of France than that which one would expect of India. What a pity it does not last longer! A calm, cloudless sky, day after day, from sunrise to sunset. The dawn is cool and clear, and hardly a breath of wind stirs as the great sun thrusts its rim over the horizon. Animal life in the jungle and in the open fields beyond its boundary has woken up to the new day. The jungle fowl and peafowl begin to call shortly before, and to start the day in search of food. The great Cyrus crane in the fields, where he has been standing all night, heralds the appearance of the sun with his trumpet-like calls, which ring out far and wide. A sound of movement and the flight of birds can now be heard from the neighbouring lake. But as the sun rises higher and higher, dispersing the ground mists from the low-lying fields and hollows, these sounds seem to diminish in proportion; they gradually give way to those of man, newly awakened in the hamlets, and in the fields where he has spent the night, nominally awake, to guard the crops from the depredations of deer and wild pig. His scantily clad body requires the kindly, warming influence of the sun, as it mounts into the clear heavens, to renew his vitality. It is still cold; the temperature of the night having been at freezing point.

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The members of a shooting camp also begin to think about getting up. Things are to be taken easily to-day, and no one is going out early to inspect the "tiger kills." This duty was performed at sunrise by the enthusiasts of the party during the first few days, but the monotony of finding the young buffalo which had been tied up as a bait the day before unmolested and placidly chewing the cud has begun to pall.

It is intended to have breakfast in the large tent at nine o'clock, and if it is then reported once more that there has been no tiger kill during the night, the party propose to have a comparatively slack day. They will shoot over a number of neighbouring tanks for wildfowl, and lunch will be taken out as usual for the picnic. There is a horse for each member of the party—and there is also Micky, the young elephant. This young gentleman has been lent to the party by a local rajah, a large landowner who, when he heard that there would be some children attached to the sahibs' Christmas camp, very sportingly placed Micky at their disposal. His age must be about ten years; that is, he is only about half grown; and he is the dearest, friendliest little beggar you could possibly imagine. He always seems so anxious to do the right thing, that I am sure he does great credit to the auntie who has been responsible for his upbringing in far Assam, whence he hails. For it is always an auntie, or childless female of the herd, who is entrusted with this important duty—not the lawful mummy, as you would expect. Mummy is too fond of her offspring, and would not be strict enough. She would spoil him, most disgracefully. So the law of the elephant tribe is that some auntie shall take care of the young after the tender age of two. There is great tribulation at first, for the child is often an obstreperous little beast and requires much correction.

It is evening again, and the great moon is once more overhead throwing a mysterious glamour over everything. The party is sitting round a camp fire of huge logs in comfortable camp chairs. There is not a breath of air stirring. Again there has been no kill, and so the alternative programme of shooting the tanks has been carried out, and a varied bag of duck obtained during the day. The shooting party consists of two married couples, the subaltern, myself, and a girl. They have been dining in one of the large tents, the ghostly forms of which can be seen under the great mango trees in the chequered moonlight, and are now sitting round the fire with that contented feeling which a long day in the open always generates. The men are smoking, and the conversation runs on the old topic of why the big male tiger who is known to inhabit these jungles will not kill. Nearly a week has passed, but the young buffaloes which have been tied up as baits in his favourite haunts have not been touched, nor has there been any sign that he has visited the neighbourhood.

But speculation is of little use. Tigers are known to have very wide beats, and this particular one may have spent the interval hunting twenty or thirty miles away, in the huge forest. But as no fresh tracks of tiger have as yet been seen, even some of the villagers begin to think it strange. The rest of them firmly believe that the old beast, who has lived in the jungle beside them for so long, is possessed of divine powers and supernatural insight. Of course he knew quite well that the "sahib-log" were after him, and so kept away.

The story went that he had already been wounded once—by the Forest Officer many years ago; he certainly seemed to have acquired unusual caution, and a deal of cunning. From the size of his pug-marks he was an immense beast—a regular father and mother of all tigers. I, who had been for a long time in the district and had done more big game shooting than any of my companions, thought that there was still a chance that he would kill before the end. But time was getting very short.

That night, by the edge of a river-bed some eighty yards wide, meandering through the heart of the jungle, stood a young buffalo sleepily chewing the cud. He had been tied there some seven or eight days previously, and had by now begun to get accustomed to his enforced isolation in these strange surroundings. So far, he had been left quite unmolested, to munch grass from the heap beside him.

There he stood, seemingly lost in prehistoric thought, quite at his ease. The calm moon sailed in the heavens above him, casting a ghostly light over everything in the woodland scene below. It was very bright in the flat sandy river-bed beyond the deep shadows of the great trees, which came right down to the edge on either bank. Beyond, a glimpse of hills could be seen, thickly covered by the dense jungle which stretched for mile upon mile in all directions. The river at this time of year carried but a shallow stream of water, which flowed over the smooth sand with a soothing murmur. At this early hour of the morning, long before daylight appeared, peace, perfect peace seemed to reign supreme, and no sound could be heard near or far; even the usually incessant chirp of crickets seemed to have been stilled at last.

Suddenly, far away round the bend of the river, the mantle of night was suddenly rent asunder by the sharp, trumpet-like call of a sambhur stag. "Dhank!" it rang out, reverberating along the bank and amongst the wooded hills. The echoes had hardly subsided before the warning—because it was obvious to all the listening denizens of the forest that it was a warning—was repeated. After that, at regular intervals, it came again and again. Then it grew fainter and fainter, and finally died away altogether. Obviously the great deer, while browsing near the river, had caught the taint of danger in the air, and thought that it would be well to warn the neighbourhood before he left that unhealthy locality.

A tremor seemed to pass through the woods; it was Fear passing. Once more the silence of night descended on the moonlit scene, and peace reigned again. The lamp in the heavens began to decline towards the west and the stars to throw down brighter beams in consequence.

The buffalo lay down and slept.

About half an hour afterwards, a great sinewy form might have been seen stealing over the sand along the shaded side of the river, itself more like a darker shadow on the landscape, than anything else. It advanced very cautiously, pausing every now and then for prolonged periods, apparently to listen. As it rounded the last bend, the pause was more noticeable. It was the great tiger. He could now survey the whole of the next reach, as far as the dark blot at the end where the bait was tied up some four hundred yards away. This seemed to have hypnotized him. For a long time he stood gazing at the sleeping, unconscious form, then suddenly seemed to melt away into the gloom of the bank. He had gone.

Once more a period of silence; then a twig cracked in the bushes on the bank above the captive sleeper. Again silence, and then the sound of the stealthy footsteps of some heavy, approaching body. A pause, then the crackling of dried leaves and branches as the tiger made his final rush.

The buffalo woke, and sprang to his feet. But his alarm was short-lived. A loud crack, and he had fallen back into oblivion with a broken neck. His death had been sudden, but he had died for his race.

For a time the tiger stood over the carcase; then, breaking

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the tethering rope with consummate ease, he dragged his prey up the bank of the river. There followed a sound of dragging and the breaking down of undergrowth ; but soon that, too, ceased, and upon the edge of the river silence reigned once more.

" Sahib, gara hogya! " (" There has been a kill").

It was old Mugoo, the local shikari, standing outside the breakfast tent next morning, salaaming with an extensive smile on his rugged face.

The news electrified the party, some of whom had already finished breakfast, and were now sitting near the door of the tent smoking cigarettes. At last! The old tiger had come back to his ancient haunts just in time, and had killed in the Dhurra nullah, where a beat was known to promise almost a certainty. No going out to-day on the mere chance of sport —a definite object was assured.

The jungle man who had originally brought the news in the early morning, was brought forward by the obsequious Sher Ali Khan, sub-inspector of police. The man reported that he had seen the drag and also the marks in the sand of the river of a very large tiger—undoubtedly our old friend, who had been down to drink and had afterwards returned to the half-eaten carcase.

Sher Ali Khan was invaluable on these occasions, and had helped the " sahibs " to enjoy themselves at many Christmas camps in the past. He was popularly and briefly known as Joe Hukum, on account of his invariable custom of answering " jo hukum " to everything that was said to him. This literally means " whatever the order is," and was used to express his willingness to do exactly as the sahib wished. Had he been told to go to certain death or to stand on his head by a sahib, his reply would simply have been " jo hukum." Truly the phlegm of the East is sometimes a thing to marvel at.

On one occasion Joe had been unable to accompany his young police sahib at Christmas time ; and, of course, the worst happened, and the young man was seriously mauled by a tiger. It was a deplorable business, for the poor lad had barely escaped with his life. He was lying in bed as a result, when he received a letter of condolence from his faithful servant. It was brief and to the point, and ran as follows :—

" Honoured Sir,—I am sorry to hear that the damned tiger interfered with your enjoyment. Your humble and obedient servant.

" Sher Ali Khan."

The news of the tiger had been given to the village, and the beaters were now being collected under the orders of J. Hukum. But there was time to spare ; it would be inadvisable to start operations until about the middle of the day, when the tiger would most probably be enjoying a siesta after his heavy meal.

The talk of the camp now ranged upon the probability of a successful beat. Presently the members strolled off one by one, to give notice that their horses and rifles were to be brought round by twelve o'clock, when a start would be made.

I, being responsible for the staff work, decided that as the beat was a narrow one, there should only be three machāns in front, and that the members of the shoot should occupy them in couples—a man and a woman in each. I myself would sit alone upon a fourth machān, behind the most likely place, which was over the main nullah.

Behold us then, about two o'clock in this formation. We had already been sitting there for nearly an hour, while the beaters and stops were getting to their places, and the local priest, who was also one of the beaters, performed the ceremonial rites propitious to the occasion.

Now, an hour is a long time to be kept in suspense on such occasions, especially if it is your first tiger beat ; and none of the party except me had shot tiger before. The tension was almost unbearable for the girl of the party, and for the subaltern who was sharing a machān with her.

The prolonged silence was at last broken by a loud distant shout from the line of beaters, and the rub-a-dub of tom-toms carried by men placed at intervals along that line.

Almost at once this sudden hubbub was greeted by a deep-throated roar—a roar which for a few seconds seemed to quell the tumult of the humans. The old tiger had been asleep near his kill, and had awakened to accept the challenge of these tiresome little people, as he had accepted it upon at least one previous occasion. In his heart he regarded mankind with a curious mixture of fear and contempt. He remembered how another time he had been awakened from a deep sleep of repletion in this very place. On that occasion he had been fool enough to go straight down the nullah away from the noise, to be greeted at a short distance by a deafening report, followed by a stinging pain ; a bullet had come from he knew not where, but presumably from the skies, and had seared a furrow in his chest,the mark of which he still carried. He had broken into a gallop, and, though the deafening report had been repeated, this time it was unaccompanied by any further pain.

He knew better than that now, and avoided the direct line of retreat. Instead, after his roar of defiance, he started off on an oblique line up the hill until he struck a jungle path which he had often traversed by night. After proceeding for a short way along this, in a leisurely manner, he was electrified by the sound of a sharp tap, high up on a tree directly in front of him.

He stopped in his tracks to look up, and to his complete astonishment, beheld the dusky naked figure of a man, sitting in the branches, regarding him. The hair in the ruff round his neck rose up, and a gleam of fury came into his eyes. He bared his teeth, and emitted a grunt of rage. What in the name of fortune was the man doing there, right over his private path ? On his deep-voiced expression of disgust and surprise, a similar tapping broke out from the trees to left and right of him. More humans, presumably. Certainly his line of retreat seemed completely cut off in that direction. What was he to do ? He had never been treated with such impertinence before. That these puny creatures should dare to block his way, to challenge him, the lord of the jungle! Still, something prevented him from going on. He merely stood and roared his defiance, glaring up into the branches of the trees. He was greeted with still more tapping noises, followed by loud coughs ; the whole jungle seemed to be alive with men. He emitted roar after roar of fury and indignation ; he would show the that he was going where he wished, and would stand no nonsense. But now a shouting arose, of human voices where at first there had only been taps ; and something, he knew not what, kept him rooted to the spot. However, he continued to roar defiance, his voice growing louder and louder, deeper and deeper, more charged with anger as time went on. The louder he roared, the louder the stops shouted, until the situation could be borne no more. Switching round and roaring as he went, he broke into a lumbering canter in the direction of the nullah, where at least there was no evidence of humanity. In the heat of the moment, he had forgotten why he had not taken this direction in the first instance, but he was dimly conscious of danger ahead. However, by this time he was much too upset and angry to fear unseen perils, so continued to gallop on, down hill and through the jungle, shaking the earth with his uproar as he went.

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The subaltern sitting with the girl on the machān in the tree, heard him coming straight towards him, and prepared to shoot. The noise of the tiger sounded like that of a giant kettledrum rolling down a rough hillside, getting louder and louder as it approached.

Finally, the bushes on the high bank of the nullah just above him parted, and a streak of yellow bounded across under his tree.

Bang! went the right barrel of his heavy rifle. Then, after a few moments, bang! went the left.

To me, sitting behind, the sudden silence which followed was remarkable. For a moment I thought that the tiger had been shot dead, as its fearful and prolonged roaring suddenly ceased. Then I heard the sound of a heavy body breaking through a bamboo clump in front of me, and through the branches I caught a glimpse of a large body.

Bang! went my own rifle; and next moment I became aware of a large tiger coming straight down the open sandy nullah-bed towards me. He was limping on three legs and making no sound as he came, but he gave the impression of great determination to get away from this unhealthy place, and, despite his lameness, was moving quite fast. I raised my rifle once more, and, as the great beast got to within fifteen yards, pulled the trigger.

This time the tiger dropped in his tracks and did not raise his head again. Nevertheless, he was given one more behind the shoulder for luck: I knew from bitter experience that it does not do to take any risks with apparently dead tigers. The animal merely acknowledged the hit with a spasmodic movement of the tail, which continued to twitch for some time afterwards.

The report of the final shot died away in the listening jungle.

"Shabash sahib!" ("well done, Sir!") came from a neighbouring tree-top, behind where Joe Hukum had been sitting all the time, an interested observer of operations; or at least an interested listener, for from where he sat he could of course only use his ears.

The next thing that I heard, as I sat with reloaded rifle over the still twitching carcase, was a woman's voice at close quarters:

"Is it dead?" it asked from a bend in the nullah-bed, some thirty yards away.

"It is still wagging its tail," was my reply. "You had better go away,"

I spoke as calmly as possible. In reality I was horrified at the rashness which had permitted the women-folk of the party to descend from their trees so quickly—a risk which their male companions should, of course, never have allowed.

However, the reply had the desired effect. The adventuress beat a hasty retreat up the nullah.

It was not until some time later that an admiring group gathered round the now motionless carcase. What a magnificent brute he was, and what a sense of power he gave even in death. Surely there never was such a forearm! The marks of all five bullets fired at him were found on his body—good shooting under the circumstances.

The subaltern had had the most difficult shots when the animal had first galloped out of cover in such a tearing rage. One of his bullets was found to have struck between the nose and the eye, and the other had broken the off-fore leg near the paw. Shooting down, he had evidently held a little too far in front each time. Of the other three, one had struck low down on the ribs behind the heart, another had broken the neck, and the third had administered the *coup de grace* behind the shoulder. The last two shots were the only two which had been really fatal. An old graze from a bullet, long since healed was found on the animal's chest, to prove his identity as the famous veteran and lord of the forest. He had been wounded from the very same tree some years before. No wonder that he had been reluctant to face it once more.

That night there was much rejoicing in camp, and every man of the party made a speech after dinner. These varied in merit, but all were expressive of great content and bonhomie.

However, all good things must come to an end, and Christmas camps are not immune from the general rule. The following morning the party collected for departure, and the horses were brought round for the last time.

The admirable Sher Ali Khan was supervising the striking of the first of the tents, when he was called up to receive parting thanks for the good "bundobast" (arrangements) he had made for the success of the holiday. He was told that the same party would certainly return the following Christmas, if it was the will of Allah, and everyone would look to him to supply another tiger.

His reply was what might have been expected: "Jo hukum, sahib!"

Extracts taken from "The Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research."

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VI. Officers' Mess.

251. OFFICERS' MESS. (Vol. II. p. 156; and III. p. 10.) In a *System for the Complete interior Management and Economy of a Battalion of Infantry*, by Bennett Cuthbertson—2nd edition, 1779, the following passage occurs—Chapter XVI. pp. 22/3.

"The Soldiers manner of subsisting being fixed, according to the strictest system of economy, it is equally incumbent on the Commander of a Regiment, to contrive every method in his power, for the establishment of a mess, at which all the Officers, without distinction of Rank, can be properly and genteely accommodated, and that considerably within the compass of an Ensign's pay, which is a circumstance to be principally considered; living always together as one family, must surely strengthen the bonds of friendship between individuals, and unite the whole in that sort of harmony and affection, which in a well regulated Corps ought ever to subsist, and without which, every thing goes wrong: the young people too, by being frequently in the Company of the experienced part of the Regiment, must have many opportunities for improvement: and will in a great measure be thereby restrained from those excesses, in which they might probably indulge themselves, were they deserted by the senior Officers, and obliged to form a separate mess: if from the want of a proper room, or a sutler not being able to provide for so many, as an entire Corps (which sometimes is the case on Service) it becomes absolutely necessary to divide in two messes, an equal number of each Rank should be appointed to each; and that there may not appear the least partiality in this division, the Officers for each mess ought to be determined by lot: Field-Officers and Captains selecting themselves into a mess, from the Subalterns of a Regiment, is making a distinction that should never subsist among Gentlemen, except on Duty, as it must, beyond all doubt, produce immediate jealousies, which by degrees lay a foundation for those kind of factions, which sometimes disturb the peace and quiet of a Corps."

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VII. Army Inspection Returns—1753 to 1804.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT OF FOOT.
THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.
1751. DEVICES AND BADGES.

In the Center of their Colours, St. George killing the Dragon, being their ancient Badge, and in the three corners of their Second Colour the Rose and Crown.

On the Grenadier caps St. George killing the Dragon.

The same badge of St. George and the Dragon to be painted on their Drums, and Bells of Arms, with the rank of their Regiment underneath.

Facings of the Rank and File. Gosling Green.

1768.

Devices and badges as in 1751, except that the Grenadiers' caps have "the King's Crest: also St. George killing the Dragon."

Officers' Hat-Lace. Silver.

Waistcoats, breeches and lining of the Coats. White.

Colour of the Lace. White, with two Red Stripes.

INSPECTION RETURNS.

1755. 3 May. Colours, 1752. Uniform—lapelled, faced and lined with green; looped and bound with a white binding. Red waistcoats and breeches.

1755. October. Iron ramrods. Officers' uniforms—red, lapelled, faced and lined with pale green; silver binding.

Regiment has fifes. Men have white and marching gaiters. Uniform—a mixed lace.

1756. 12 October. Uniform looped and bound with white and green.

1767. 15 June. Colours, 1763. 30 swords only. No Grenadiers' match-cases.

1768. 9 May. Officers—plain scarlet coat lapelled to the waist with gosling green; green cape slashed sleeve, with a small round green cuff; silver buttons numbered; silver epaulette; white lining, waistcoat and breeches—silver-laced hats. Men—black gaiters with black garters and stiff leather tops. The Grenadier Caps are edged with fur.

1769. 24 May. The 2 Grenadier Serjeants have fuzils and pouches according to H.M.'s late regulation.

1771. 1 August. Have an Order of Merit.

1773. 3 August. Colours, 1773.

1784. 20 May. Colours, 1781. Fuzees for Serjeants of Grenadiers and Light Infantry not received.

VIII. Extract from Orders for Dress to be worn by Officers and Men in the 18th Century.

CAPS FOR THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE REGIMENTS OF FUZILEERS.

The Regiments of Fuzileers to have Black Bear-Skin Caps. They are to be made in the same manner as those which are ordered for the Grenadiers, but not so high; and not to have the Grenade on the Back Part.

IX. Extract from Parliamentary Statute in 18th Century Musters.

ALSO whan it shal please the kinges maiesty, his lieutenant or lieutenantes, to commaunde musters to be taken of his hoste, it is ordeyned, that noo capitayne presume or attempt to have or to shewe other men in his musters, than those that be with him selfe retayned and attendant in and for the same voiage, without fraude gyle or dissimulation, upon peyne to be holden false and reproued, and his body to be imprisoned and punyshed at the kinges pleasure. And if any person be twyse or two tymes thereof conuicted and founde faultie: than to dye for it. And that in lykewise no man come ne appere in or at any muster under any capytaine, except he be (as afore is sayd) retaynd with hym for that voyage, upon peyne of imprisonment at the kinges wylle.

First Uses of Poison Gas.

228. POISON GAS IN WAR. (Vol. VIII. p. 67.) Presumably the "law of arms" means merely the "customs of war" as generally accepted in those days. "Chewing the bullets" was a frequent charge made against an enemy in the days of muskets. A British officer who was at the Battle of Bunker Hill—1775—made this accusation against the Americans. "The Army is in great spirits," he wrote to his brother, "and full of rage and ferocity at the rebellious rascals, who both poisoned and chewed the musket balls in order to make them more fatal."

In *A Light to the Art of Gunnery* by Capt. Thomas Binning, published in 1675, the Author, who had served as a Gunner both by sea and by land, makes various suggestions as to the employment of a poisonous smoke or gas—in so far as his limited science enabled him to concoct one. Two of his recipes are given:—

"To make an Extraordinary Fire-Work, which being put into a mine, or on a Breach for Storm; shall suffocate or kill those who come in the Smoke of it.

"Take of Horse-Litter, that hath been sufficiently spoiled by the Horses, dry it in the Sun; likewise take some of the Dirt that Hogs have lain upon, and dry it also; dried Cow-Gall, old woollen Clouts, chop all these small; then take one part of Wax, 1 part of Hogs'-Lard, 3 parts of Powder meal'd ¼ part of Ratsbane, ¼ part Orpiment brayed to meal, ¼ part Verdigrease; mix all these things together, and fill a bag therewith being well coated, put a Feusee into it, and give fire; heave it among the Enemy, or shoot it to them, it will do excellent Service." (p.163.)

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"To make a Fire-Work that shall stink fearfully.

"Take Brimstone 2 lb., Resin 1 lb., Kitchin-stuff 1 lb., *Assa Fœtida* 1 lb.; melt these together, then take shavings of Horn, or the parings of Horse-Hoofs that are dry, mix a good quantity with the former melted stuff; then take Hemp, Tow, or Rags of Linnen, or Woollen, or Okam, as much as will drink up the Composition, and make thereof a Fire-Ball; this being roll'd in a little Powder meal'd, and Mans Dung; set fire to it, and it will stink so, as who comes in the Smoak will rather fly, than abide in the Smoak (if they be able); you may put this in Bags, and make Balls or Hedg-Hogs thereof at your pleasure." (p. 163.)

The writer also states that when he assisted at the defence of Edinburgh Castle he contrived to make a hole in one of the besiegers' mines, "prepared a Pouder-Barrel, with old Rope-yarn, Mens Dung dry about the walls, Powder meal'd, Brimstone, and Verdigrease, with Camphire; all of which mixed together, I caused to be put in the Mine, which made *Overton (then Governor of* Edinburgh) and all flie: So we entered peaceably, and brought thereout their Working Tools without any harm." (pp. 9–10).

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appointment is made:—

Bt. Lt.-Col. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., North'd Fusiliers, to be G.S.O., 2nd Grade, Eastern Command (dated 13th November, 1930).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 29th September, 1930); Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle is seconded for service as Company Officer, Army Technical School (Boys) (dated 8th November, 1930).

Coldstream Guards.—Capt. (Dir. of Music) R. G. Evans retires on ret. pay (dated 23rd November); Bandmaster J. C. Windram, L.R.A.M., North'd. Fusiliers, to be Lieut. (Dir. of Music) (dated 23rd November, 1930).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Hampshire Regt.—Capt. A. L. Scaife, M.C., from Res. of Officers, North'd. Fus to be Captain (dated 15th November, 1930), retaining his present seniority.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Lt.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D., ret. T.F. to be Hon. Colonel (dated 26th November, 1930).

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REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Fulford Barracks,
York,
November, 1930.

A LONG description of a November walk from the domestic lair of the writer to barracks seems a good method of beginning; this has the advantage of enabling the writer to unburden his sorrows and pains on paper, regardless as to whether anyone else reads and suffers or not; but if they do, so much the better. "So now to work."

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York has one thing in common with the writer. Neither the one nor the other look their best in November. The famous Minster is the first thing of importance I pass on my almost daily peregrination to barracks. This beautiful building does not look its best this month either. The tint of old ivory it assumed in months gone by, as the setting sun cast its final beams in blessing upon it, has been superseded by a hue of dirty grey, as if the last American had caused my Lady Minster to cast off her splendid cloak and don one more suited to the lean season.

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Far be it from me to suggest that my Lady Minster disdains to dress herself in fine array for her own kith and kin; she and her people are at one and of the same family, and who dresses in their best for the allurement of their own family? Anyhow, the last American has gone, and so has the sun.

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I next enter the *Via* Coney (York was once a Roman city, for those who don't know!) This narrow way is remarkable for its numerous and continuous road blocks caused by the modern petrol chariot. It might well be called the *Via* Catboxide; in fact, the whole town might be re-named Castra Carbonmonoxidum. But if you are too sorely tried with the fumes of this narrow way, there is one oasis, a place of great contrast; herein are fumes also, but what fumes! A chemist's shop it is, that more than dabbles in other things. Perfumes of the East, West, North and South: a galaxy of scents, and there are plenty ——; well, anyhow, the oasis is there if necessary. I have no time or the wherewithal to enter, and I am somewhat innoculated against the petrol fumes, so I will get on.

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I leave the Empire Theatre of Varieties on my right, well on the far side of the road, as from time to time there are some shocking spectacles displayed on hoardings without, which tend to lure my breakfast from within so early in the morning.

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Now I see looming through the mist ahead a structure that always pulls me up, appalled! The Castle, within which is included the Military Prison. Feelings of "doom," "torture," "dungeons," "pain," shoot through one. What walls! What spikes! What grills!

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I invariably cast my eyes quickly on the River Ouse just beyond, and think that drowning is a merciful death.

I must get on, though, despite the feeling of chains and shackles round my legs, which is intolerable.

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Now on the left is the cattle market; so, with handkerchief to nose and quickened pace, despite the chains and shackles, I dash by, only to pull up quickly just beyond as a building of an institutional type of architecture comes into view.

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Northern Command Headquarters. A steady tread of 120 to the minute now, chin up, handkerchief put away, shackles and chains cast off, right eye looking far ahead, left eye swivelling leftwards ready for instant salute (but not with the eye, needless to say), arms swinging shoulder high. Past at last, and back to normal lurch and that haven of rest, the barracks, hoves in sight. There is only the hospital to pass. "Pass," what a wealth of meaning lies behind that word! I might not have passed, but entered feet first instead!

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With this thought each morn, I enter the portals of the Mess and watch the clock until such time as I can decently steady myself with liquid aid and prepare myself for the journey back.

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Anyone who has got as far as this can now be told that the "Notes" proper are about to have attention.

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The outstanding item of importance and interest and regret is the departure of Mr. Windram, who has been appointed Director of Music to the Coldstream Guards, an honour that we know he well deserves.

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Mr. Windram joined the Gordon Highlanders in 1900, and came to the Fifth Fusiliers as Bandmaster in 1913. During the last 17 years (with the exception of the four years of the Great War), Mr. Windram has brought the Band up to a very high state of efficiency, and it is no idle statement to say that it could compete successfully with any military band of any Regiment of any Army of any nation. He will be a great loss, and we can only wish him the best of luck and every success.

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There is little else of any interest, unless it be the departure next month of Major Powell, who is succeeding Major Chenevix-Trench in command of the Depôt, the latter Officer rejoining us as second-in-command.

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Major Powell has had a good long dose of Regimental soldiering, and had done a tour of duty at the Depôt before, so he knows the "ropes" of both the Depôt and the home battalion; their interlocked difficulties, etc. Again, there is no doubt that he can be described as one of those Officers "who will go far." True, he is only going 80 miles next month, and some may think in the wrong direction, bearing in mind that his final objective is the office of the C.I.G.S. in Whitehall. To these let it be said that there are many roads to Whitehall, and the shortest way is not necessarily the quickest; and don't let them forget that whichever route he may choose, he will get there in the proper manner, at the appropiate time, properly dressed, and, we trust, sober. This latter, of course, depends on the final lap of the route he may choose. In the meantime we wish him the best of luck for the next phase of his journey.

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One or two people are on leave, and one or two on courses.

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Those who remain here for the time being amuse themselves as best they can with the means available and according to their taste.

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Efforts in the football and hunting sports and pastimes will be found elsewhere, or rather, the results of these efforts.

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It will be noted that we came through the second round of the Army Cup (Association) after a very hard fight—but we came through.

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Nothing more of interest is known or can be thought of by this acting-writer of these Notes, although, no doubt, he has quite likely missed the most important piece of news of all. Anyhow, a little more poison for any who can bear it.

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The Seth-Smith family seem to have comfortably settled down in the ancient city of Hexham. This township is steeped in mediæval history, and one imagines diginity of architecture and dignity of nomenclature, so how comes it that the hired residence of this said family is designated " Dukewilly ? " There's something out of keeping here, surely! " Duke," yes, decidedly, *most* suitable ; but " *Willy* "—*what* an amalgamation of dignity and impudence. One can hear the shrill scream of the rude urchin : " Garn, ' Dukewilly '." We feel sure, or the writer does, if no one else will join him, that an erasure will shortly take place, unless the landlord objects, which would be a pity.

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" Bystander " ought to get busy on this!

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The " Tit-Willow " tune should work in well :—

There's a house in the north by the banks of the Tyne,
Dukewilly, Dukewilly, Dukewilly!
It's as old as the hills, and the last of its line,
Dukewilly, Dukewilly, Dukewilly!

Something of that sort!

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The close blast of a bugle has just shattered all thoughts bar two. 1—it's high time this rot ceased. 2—it's high time for that movement of arm, mouth and throat (in that order) which in naval parlance (?) is called " the first nogging up on the forenoon watch."

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Nearly forgot! Very remiss!

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A number of us were guests at the Depôt " At Home," held on the 10th November. Everyone had a most enjoyable time, and it was more than nice to meet old friends and to see new faces.

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After thoughts are said to be often the best, so perhaps after Notes are too. The fact remains that there are one or two items of interest which have just occurred to the writer's mind.

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Captain Thomas has returned from a month's leave. This, in itself, may not be of any vast interest, but, together with the fact that he spent this leave in touring France and Switzerland, then the matter assumes a different aspect. He was a little early for " winter sports," but there *are* autumn ones as well, and to anyone sensitive to beauty or to one who admires the works of nature, what more satisfying than Lake Geneva at sunset in autumn or an autumn sunrise on the mountains behind Caux, and even the Bois de Boulogne would inspire one to some tune ?

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Yes, a well-travelled Officer this, with knowledge of India, Mesopotamia, Africa, France, Switzerland, and so on, and he has even clapped eyes on the abode of the League of Nations at Geneva !

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A draft of 31 Other Ranks arrived from the Depôt, under Captain Byrne, on the 20th November, and were posted to " Z " (M.G.) Company and " X " Company.

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The Band and Drums went to Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 13th November and carried out a Recruiting March, which we hope will produce good results ; it certainly ought to. North Shields, Whitley Bay, Tynemouth, and Cullercoats were visited.

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Mr. Beckwith has returned from his honeymoon and is settling down and assuming that air particular to married men ; but not that harassed look, as yet. May this latter be long delayed!

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Major Powell commanded a detachment of the Battalion on Armistice Day, which attended the ceremony at the local cenotaph.

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For the rest, nothing but work. Tactical exercises are looming ahead, and certain people are busy preparing same, and these people may be seen on various hilltops in the mist in various places on many days, shivering with cold as they endeavour to pierce the fog with dull, watery eyes, muttering awhile such things as : " Can't see a —— yard " ; " To hell with T.E.W.T.'s " ; " Did the Colonel say he wanted a question on wood fighting ? " ; " Can't see a —— wood " ; " Ought to be bog-fog fighting ! " ; " Where's the nearest pub. ? " ; " Come on, let's go and do it off the map." What certain farmers think is difficult to estimate. Still, we're paid heavily for this sort of thing, and November comes but once a year.

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A word about work. One or two tips too ! (*What* a lure!)

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This winter study of military history business ! We are working backwards !

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Last year we had a minute, if important, period of the Great War. This year we've jumped a gap of two hundred odd years —a backward jump, with eyes popping forwards and brain bending all ways. The Campaigns of Marlborough it is, and as the Battle of Blenheim is one of the decisive battles of the world, according to a one-time Chief Justice of Ceylon, by name of Creasy, who ought to know, it will behove us to order the necessary books and ice packs and get down to it, whatever that may mean. Although whether we get down to it, or whether it comes up to us, the fact remains that we've once again got to go through the nerve-racking mental gymnastics of endeavouring to apply modern text-book " tags " to ancient operations, or is it applying ancient operations to modern text-book " tags " ? Dear me, the thought seems to complicate matters already ! But, mark this, you who have to study these things, a tip straight from the horse's mouth—an apt

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term, if somewhat bordering on vulgarity, as you will see by what follows :—

" Marlborough relied principally on his cavalry for achieving his decisive successes, and it was by his cavalry that Blenheim, the greatest of his victories, was won." This from an old tome, and no doubt repeated in all later tomes ; but the writer hasn't bought any yet.

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So, my fellow students, you can see that you needn't bother yourselves reading such things as " Defence against Gas," " Artillery Training," " Tank and Armoured Car Training," and the rest of these modern manuals, bar one. This one, " Cavalry Training," you *must* read, but its a very thin little book ; distinct, as it is yellow in colour, and has, no doubt, some useful phrases adaptable to the battles of Marlborough. The writer hasn't read it yet, but it must be so, or why has the period been set for study ?

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But wait one moment ! perhaps it *would* be wise to read a little of " Tank and Armoured Car Training." It *shouldn't* be, but some people have got a mania for using modern weapons in ancient battles ; only in theory of course ! This sort of question might be suddenly shot at you at one of the conferences :—" The French position was comparatively weak in the centre, but was very strong at each extremity. Do you consider that the disaster to the eleven Hanoverian Battalions would have been avoided had Marlborough had a battalion of tanks at his disposal, and had used them offensively in the centre earlier in the battle ? " That's the sort of thing you *may* be asked. Sounds horrible, and " big stuff," but it isn't, really. Don't be dismayed, don't overwork about it. Just get into the habit of asking yourself another question, and pick out the salient point of the original question to do it. (See " Hints on Intelligent Absorption," and other tracts.)

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Now take this question you've been asked (see above if you've already forgotten it). What's the salient point about it really, the point you can ask yourself a question about ?

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Easy. " The French position was comparatively weak in the centre." *That's* the salient point : which seems to point to the question at once, " *Why* was the position comparatively weak at the centre ? " Marvellous ! Of course you know *this* ! Naturally you've studied the terrain a little. " Because a part of the valley that reaches from below Oberglan to Blenheim was swampy ! " There's your answer, and the great joy about this system is that ninety-nine times out of a hundred it gives you the answer to the original question, or anyhow distinctly points to it. Thus you kill two question with one answer ! Marvellous !

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Now we are on this detestable subject, one more tip. Never counter a question of this sort by asking another (out aloud) : *e.g.*, " Have the French any anti-tank guns ? " For one thing the questioner doesn't like it, and he may easily be senior to you, and more important ; if you once start this kind of thing, you find out at long last, after fearful discussions, that the battle couldn't have been fought as it was fought, or where it was fought, or how you would have liked it to have been fought ! But more than enough of this !

Football.

Both teams continue to perform well in their respective Leagues, and the position of each in the League charts is entirely satisfactory.

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It is gratifying to see the 2nd XI. improving with each game.

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The same team has been played in each of this month's games, and every player is settled down, and the team generally has a good working understanding.

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If one may offer criticism without in any way attempting to discourage the players, it is to say that a better understanding on the part of the backs and the method of covering each other would be advantageous.

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There is a tendency for both backs to lie too far up the field, with no very definite idea of covering each other.

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This is apt to bring about the downfall of the defence, particularly so when the opposing forwards are fast and indulge in rapid raids.

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1st XI.

On 1st November, at Dringhouses, this XI. suffered its only defeat up to date.

Our team was as follows :—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Gofton
Sjt. Peppiatt Fus. Dennison
Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Bell
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

The opening stages were evenly contested. Our oppenents were dangerous in two raids, Dennison heading clear a good centre from Bodley, while a minute later the same player missed the goal by inches. Following this by splendid footwork, Caldwell beat several oponnents. His centre was accurate, and Hughes, meeting the ball, drove hard into the net. Sewell was next conspicuous, and, receiving a pass from Scanlon, shot hard, Hayter turning the shot for a corner. Hewitt made a great save from Caldwell. Bonass then got through and struck the cross-bar with a good shot. The return shot from Nesbitt was diverted by Gofton for an unproductive corner. Caldwell now broke away, and, cutting in, shot inches wide. Bonass again got away, and centred, for Charlton to concede another corner, which was futile. From a second corner kick, well-placed by Bonass, Camidge scored. From the centre kick, Parker gave Bonass a fine pass, for that player to send the ball into the net well out of the reach of Gofton. Hughes was next prominent, and gave Hewitt a warm handful, but the latter was equal to the occasion. Gofton was somewhat lucky to collect a shot from Bonass. Scanlon next sent Hughes away, who, after a short dribble, drove hard past Hewitt. Our team were now pressing hard, and Charlton, from 20 yards out shot, and Leafe diverted through his own goal.

Half-time :—Northumberland Fusiliers—3. Dringhouses—2.

On resuming, Hughes went straight through the home defence, Hewitt saving a point blank shot at close range. From a corner, the Dringhouses saved brilliantly. Gofton was now called upon, and twice tipped the ball over the bar from Bodley. The home

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team were now pressing, and Dennison had to concede a corner. Bodley, with his high shots, was causing Gofton much anxiety, and from one of the clearances, Camidge drove hard into the net. Keeping up the pressure, the home team went ahead, Nesbitt scoring from a corner.

Bodley got the fifth goal from a pass from Bonass. Our team were having much trouble from the bad condition of the ground on which the short passing did not pay.

Result :—Dringhouses—5. Northumberland Fusilers—3.

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On 8th November, our opponents were St. Clement's, and the game was played on the Knavesmire. Owing to Cpl. Bell being called upon to play in two Army games, our team had to be changed slightly. Peppiatt was given a rest, Wilson being brought in at right back, and Petch deputising for Bell at left half.

The start was sensational, as St. Clement's, running down from the centre kick, J. Birch centred, for A. Limbert to head past Gofton. Within a minute we were on level terms, as Atkinson kicked on to Hughes, from whom it rebounded into the net. Our team immediately attacked, and Malcolm shot, and, with Hessay beaten, saw his shot strike the cross-bar and got away. St. Clement's now pressed, and good work by their right wing ended with A. Limbert missing by inches with a nice header. Our left wing was now conspicuous, and Caldwell, centering well, Hughes headed into Hessay's hands. Caldwell twice shot past. Maintaining the pressure, a penalty was awarded us, Scanlon, however, missing the goal. Our team were playing good football, but were up against a steady defence. Metcalfe gaining, sent across for L. Limbert to score with a good shot. The Fusiliers were trying hard to draw level, and several times were near, Sewell twice missing by inches.

Half-time :—St. Clement's—2. Northumberland Fusiliers—1.

Shortly after the resumption, Hughes equalised with a good header. A ding-dong game now ensued, with Hessay having most to do. St. Clement's, encouraged by this, made a good combined run, which resulted in J. Birch further increasing the score. Our team now brought full pressure to bear, and for the remainder of the game hemmed the St. Clement's in their own goal area. Being awarded another penalty, this was taken by Dennison, who scored after the goal-keeper had saved his first shot. Sewell ran down the right for Hughes to equalise. Immediately from the centre kick, our forwards went down, and Hughes scored again, to win the match in the last couple of minutes.

Result :—Northumberland Fusiliers—5. St. Clement's—4.

Kellett, of St. Clement's, up to midway of last season, was our regular outside right.

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In the second round of the Army Cup, we were drawn against the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, and the match was played on 13th November. About 200 supporters made the journey by special train. Our team was :—

Fus. Gofton
Lce.-Cpl. Wilson Fus. Dennison
Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Bell
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

From the commencement of the game, it was evident that a ding-dong struggle was to be witnessed. This it proved to be. Fast end to end play was the order for the first few minutes, with the Staffords having slightly the better of the game. Our team at last got settled to the very fast pitch and the light ball, and by good combination on the right, worked up to the goal, for Sewell to shoot. The goalie failed to hold the ball, and Hughes, who was in close attendance, drove hard into the net out of his reach. For the next ten minutes our team were very dangerous, but could not increase the score. Following a raid on our goal, Dennison was badly injured, and retired for about a quarter of an hour, having to have the attention of the M.O. During his absence our team became somewhat disorganised, and the Staffords pressed very heavily. Gofton, who was in exceptionally good form, time and again made seemingly impossible clearances. The Staffords continued to have the best of the game, but their forwards were poor in front of goal. Dennison returned wearing a sling. Having wrenched a muscle of the arm, he was severely handicapped, but played well. Shortly after, the Fusiliers broke away, and, with an empty goal, Scanlon shot past. Wilson next injured his right shoulder. Half-time arrived with the score one goal to nothing in our favour.

After the interval, our opponents pressed, and the forwards lay well on the backs. Our defence, however, held out. Dennison, in kicking clear a certain goal, ran into an upright, and was again carried off. Charlton dropped to assist Wilson, and he shortly afterwards was knocked out through the ball dropping from a height on the top of his head. The spectators were having plenty of thrills, as each goal had narrow escapes. The game was exceptionally fast, and a cross wind made accurate play impossible. The opposing forwards had plenty of opportunities during the second half to win the game, but failed. An exceptionally good and keen game ended with the Fusiliers winners by one goal to nil.

Our defence deserve the highest praise for their gallant display.

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On the 15th November we were to have Thirsk as our opponents, on the Garrison Ground, but they could nor raise a team, so the game had to be postponed.

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22nd November saw us at New Earswick playing a league fixture.

The Fusiliers attacked from the start, and Scanlon went close with a good shot. New Earswick got going through Green, and Simpson opened their account. Twice shortly after good chances were spoiled by our forwards getting off-side. Maintaining pressure, Hughes, with a rasping shot, skimmed the bar. A clever attack by our right enabled Hughes to equalise. The balance of play was in our favour, and the forwards frequently threatened danger. During one attack, Greaves left his goal, and Malcolm promptly netted, to give us the lead. Greaves next saved at point blank range from Malcolm, but conceded a fruitless corner.

Half-time :—Northumberland Fusiliers—2. New Earswick—1.

Early in the second half, Simpson missed a good chance of equalising, but made amends a few minutes later by scoring from a clever pass from March. From a corner kick, by Caldwell Hughes gave us the lead. Sewell forced the pace on the right, and scored with a cross shot. Later, Greaves failed to hold a fast drive from Bell, and Hughes had an easy task in scoring the fifth and final goal.

Result :—Northumberland Fusiliers—5. New Earswick—2.

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2nd XI.

On the 1st November the opposition was supplied by Popple-

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ton Road Old Boys, and the match was played on the Garrison Ground. Our team was as follows :—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Dobison
Dmr. McCartney Bdsmn. Walsh
Lce.-Cpl. J. T. Wilson Fus. Usher Sjt. Ross
Cpl. Shields Lce.-Cpl. Greenwell Lce.-Cpl. Boyd Fus. Hudson
Fus. Brown

Poppleton began with ten men, and attacked by good passing between H. Stockill and Watson. We next delivered a series of attacks, and Brown tested Young with a ground shot, and a long shot from Hudson struck the bar, with Young well beaten. A fine run and centre by Tillot saw Dobison fumble the ball. Watson, rushing up, shot, but hit the foot of a defender, and the ball went outside for a fruitless corner. End to end play ensued, and one of our efforts was spoiled by off-side. Eventually Brown got in through a mis-kick by one of the visitors' defenders, and he shot well out of Young's reach. Shortly after, Brown again got through, but his shot was turned round the post.

Half-time :—Northumberland Fusiliers—1. Poppleton—0.

After half-time further goals for us were added by Brown and Greenwell, and we ran out winners by 3 goals to 2.

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On the 15th November, we journeyed to South Bank, the same team doing duty.

With a fast drive from ten yards' range, Usher opened the scoring. From the kick-off, Butler received from Cammidge, and, cleverly evading the defence, passed in front of goal. Bond equalised. Usher again gave us the lead from a penalty. We continued to press, and were rewarded when Boyd beat Nicholson. Our team at this period were much the better side. From a centre by Hudson, Brown beat Nicholson.

Early in the second half, South Bank attacked, and Butler scored after Dobison had only partially cleared from Nelson. South Bank were playing strongly, and eventually Bradley scored their third goal. Shortly before the finish, Shields, cleverly beating the South Bank backs, scored the fifth goal.

Result :—Northumberland Fusiliers—5. South Bank—3.

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On the 22nd November, South Bank paid us a visit to the Garrison Ground.

The visitors won the toss and played with the wind behind them. Good football was out of the question, owing to the very greasy ground. Our team soon pressed, and Boyd tested Akers with a hard drive, which was saved. From a penalty, Usher scored. Transferring play, South Bank forced a corner, which was cleared. A long dropping shot from Greenwell was turned round the post for a fruitless corner. From a good forward pass by Boyd, Brown beat Akers with a low shot in the bottom corner of the net.

South Bank broke away, and Bradley scored a fine goal. From the centre kick, our team went straight down the field, and Brown shot, hitting the upright, the ball glancing into the net.

In the second half we soon commenced to press, and forced a corner, which was easily cleared. Boyd, receiving, beat two players, crossed to Shields, who scored with a rasping shot in the top corner of the net. From a well-placed corner, Hudson scored the fifth goal, and we ran out winners by 5 goals to 4.

Inter-Company League.

In this League the following games have been played to date :—

"Y" Company (4) *v.* "W" Company (3).
"Z" Company (2) *v.* "W" Company (1).
"Y" Company (2) *v.* "Z" Company (0).
H.Q. Wing (4) *v.* "W" Company (3).
"Y" Company (2) *v.* H.Q. Wing (1).
"W" Company (7) *v.* "X" Company (4).

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League Tables.

INTER-COMPANY.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	FOR	AG'ST.	PTS.
"Y" Company	3	3	0	0	8	4	6
H.Q. Wing	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
"Z" Company ..	2	1	1	0	2	3	2
"W" Company ..	4	1	3	0	14	14	2
"X" Company ..	1	0	1	0	4	7	0

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YORK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE—DIV. I.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	FOR.	AG'ST.	PTS.
Rowntree's	10	9	1	0	46	13	18
Dringhouses ..	9	6	2	1	39	25	13
North'd. Fusiliers ..	7	6	1	0	45	17	12
Ripon City ..	9	5	2	2	25	22	12
Knaresborough ..	10	4	4	2	31	30	10
L.N.E. Rly. (P.W.)	7	4	2	1	26	18	9
Thirsk	8	4	3	1	30	22	9
Fishergate O.B. ..	10	3	6	1	23	65	7
St. Clement's ..	9	2	6	1	21	22	5
Malton Town ..	11	1	9	1	12	56	3
New Earswick ..	10	1	9	0	17	48	2

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YORK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE—DIV. II.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	FOR.	AG'ST.	PTS.
Easingwold Town ..	11	8	3	0	41	20	16
North'd. Fusiliers ..	8	7	1	0	33	18	14
R.A. and Signals ..	10	7	3	0	38	25	14
5th West Yorks Regt.	11	6	4	1	44	33	13
Malton B.C. ..	11	5	4	2	34	26	12
Easingwold Rangers	9	5	2	2	26	22	12
South Bank ..	11	5	6	0	27	29	10
Malton United ..	7	3	2	2	20	22	8
Poppleton Rd. O.B.	9	2	6	1	25	33	5
Stillington	8	1	6	1	14	20	3
R.A.S.C.	13	1	11	1	21	56	3

Hockey.

Owing to the difficulty of raising a full side for concentrated practice, we have not entered for the Army Hockey Cup this season. We have, however, played three enjoyable games against local teams. These games we won by narrow margins, and it was left to the West Yorkshire Regiment to spy out the nakedness of the land. This they did in a most convincing manner, and we wish them the best of luck in the Army Hockey Competition. Possibly we did not deserve to have seven goals scored against us, and we must try and prove this when Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Enderby are back during the spring.

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A very close game took place last month between the Officers and Serjeants. The Officers led at half-time, but during the second half the scores were level at 3—3, thanks in no small measure to Sjt. Obey. Shortly before the end, however, Mr. Enderby put the Officers in front again, where they stayed until the whistle ended a very close and enjoyable game.

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The Inter-Company League is now starting, and results will be given in a later issue.

Squash Racquets.

Considerable enthusiasm has been shown lately at Squash Racquets. We are using our fair share of the club court, and several Officers are becoming Yorkshire Rocs. Two matches have been played against St. Peter's School, both of which we lost by two games to one. In the first we were represented by Captain Fryer, Mr. Sperling, and Mr. Enderby. Mr. Enderby, playing first string, set too fast a pace for his very young opponent, and was not unduly extended to win by 3 games to 1. Capt. Fryer and Mr. Sperling both had difficulty in accustoming themselves to the court, and both lost in three close games.

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We hoped to reverse the decision in our second encounter, but Mr. Enderby unfortunately was away. Major Sutherland being *hors de combat*, Mr. Speer made up the side. Mr. Sperling played as first string and started brilliantly, winning a love game in two or three hands. He reached game ball all in the second game, but his opponent "set two" and ran out. In the third and fourth games he was worn down by a steadier player.

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Capt. Fryer, after losing the first game, 9—6, won the second game to the same score, and playing a very steady game won the next two games for the match.

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In the deciding match Mr. Speer was beaten in three close games, reaching seven on two occasions and six in the third game. This match contained many long rallies, neither player finding the necessary winning strokes.

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We are thinking now of starting a ladder pool, and we might even challenge the Depôt, about whom we hear great things.

Sergeants' Mess.

We welcome to York and to the Mess the Warrant Officers and Serjeants of the 4th Queen's Own Hussars, who arrived from India on the 12th instant.

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We entertained them to supper in their Mess, several members, together with their wives, welcoming the families and ministering to their wants.

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This was greatly appreciated, as evidenced by letters from the Commanding Officer and the R.S.M. of the 4th Hussars.

It is with regret that we report the loss of one of our oldest members—Bandmaster Windram—who has been commissioned to the Coldstream Guards as Director of Music in the rank of Lieutenant.

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His departure was so sudden that it was impossible to hold the customary function, much to our regret.

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The Serjeant-Major, however, arranged a hurried meeting to bid him farewell. This was attended by practically all members, and the opportunity was taken to present to Bandmaster Windram a dress sword of his new regiment, as a token of esteem from the members of the Mess.

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In a short speech, the Serjeant-Major referred to the great honour Bandmaster Windram's appointment was bringing to the Regiment, and to the great loss his departure was causing to the Mess generally and the FIFTH.

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In his reply, Mr. Windram spoke of the number of ex-Boys now members of the Mess, most of whom has passed *through his hands*.

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This seemed to awaken memories in the mind of our "Pep" member.

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The health of the Bandmaster was duly honoured, and he was "chaired" by the bearers to the cheers of the members after a full choir had sung "Auld Lang Syne."

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Our best wishes to Lieut. and Mrs. Windram for their good health and future happiness.

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Sjt. Dyke has also left us this month, having been discharged to pension direct from the Vocational Training Centre.

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We wish him good luck in his new vocation—"poultry farming"—and would remind him not to forget —— these 'yer yerwigs.

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"Willie" Lawless paid us a visit from the Depôt, bringing with him a squad of sturdy warriors.

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He still smiles as nicely as ever.

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We were also pleased to receive a visit from another old member, in the person of "Bill" Sones, who resides in Leeds and teaches the young idea how to become promising musicians.

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Pleased to see him looking so hale and hearty, in spite of his years.

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One wonders who taught "Harry" to play the cornet.

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Congratulations to Fred and Sammy on obtaining 1st Class Certificates.

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Sammy says it's cushy when compared to getting the gun to fire all right.

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Steve is glad now that he is not a Corporal of Horse.

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The pay has gone down to 7/10 per week. How can one exist on this meagre pittance?

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We have tried conclusions with the Officers at Soccer, and a keenly contested game resulted in a draw of two goals each.

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We had several of our "Star" performers playing in this match, with the result that the secretary has been inundated with offers for players.

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Many first class teams have made offers for our centre forward, but the contracting parties cannot come to terms. It is only a matter of pounds, but we are fain to let him go at any but our own figure.

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His display served to show the value of tactics, and his well-thought-out and carried-out schemes were a pleasure to watch.

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His one drawback, to our mind, is his speed (?) This is probably due to his association with footballers of Scotch extraction.

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However, as a weaver, he is a great success.

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"Denton's" pedal extremities undoubtedly spoiled us from a convincing victory, and "Watcher" thinks that the future ruling should be "two feet = one yard."

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One of the aspirants to our centre forward was Seaton Sluice.

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"William," with his sponge and smelling salts, was not required, the game being of the gentle character.

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Where is the catch in the fact that "Jock," when attending Church on Armistice Sunday, after letting the offertory bag pass him in the first instance, suddenly recalled the bearer of the bag and modestly placed his donation of Bawbees therein.

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Perhaps he has taken to heart the story of the "Widow's Mite."

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Our monthly function has been held as usual this month, and went with great gusto.

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The wind velocity was greatly reduced—a sure sign of coming fitness.

The prize-winners for Whist were as follows:—

LADIES.		GENTS.	
1, Mrs. Rowsell	186	1, Mr. Cockerill ..	174
2, Mrs. Windram ..	174	2, Mr. Wood	171
3, Mrs. Hobbs	167	3, Mr. Tomlinson ..	170
Booby .. ..Mrs. Byers		Booby .. Mr. Watson	

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We welcome back "Mick" D'Orey from the 5th Battalion, where he has been on the Permanent Staff.

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He has been relieved by "Hutchie." May he have a pleasant tour of duty.

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Billiards is in full swing, matches taking place for the Cup fast and freely. Results will be given in next issue.

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Watch "Q" Branch for this event.

Corporals Club.

As remarked in last month's Notes, we were to play the Serjeants at Billiards. Well, the match came off on the 26th, and after a very keen tussle, we lost on aggregate by 33 points.

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The total scores were Serjeants, 529; Corporals 496.

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We hope to have our revenge shortly.

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We thank the Serjeants for a good evening's enjoyment.

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We had our monthly dance on the 7th, and it was voted a much better dance by all concerned than the first one, although it was not so well attended. We hope to have a visit from some of our new neighbours, the 4th Hussars, at the next dance, to be held on the 5th of December.

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We won our second round of the Army Cup against the South Staffs, and a full account of the game will be given elsewhere. Quite a crowd of the Club members travelled to Litchfield to see the game, and as soon as we saw the place, our thoughts turned back to Ballykinlar. What a desolate place. Not a house in sight, and Litchfield 2½ miles away. We meet our old rivals, the Durham Light Infantry, in the next round, at York.

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Cpl. Nicholson left us at the end of last month for a tour of duty at the Depôt; this is Nikko's second tour, so we only hope he enjoys it.

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The numbers of the Club have been depleted for the present by a number of our members being on leave.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Cpl. Farrow and Lce.-Cpl. Casey on their appointment.

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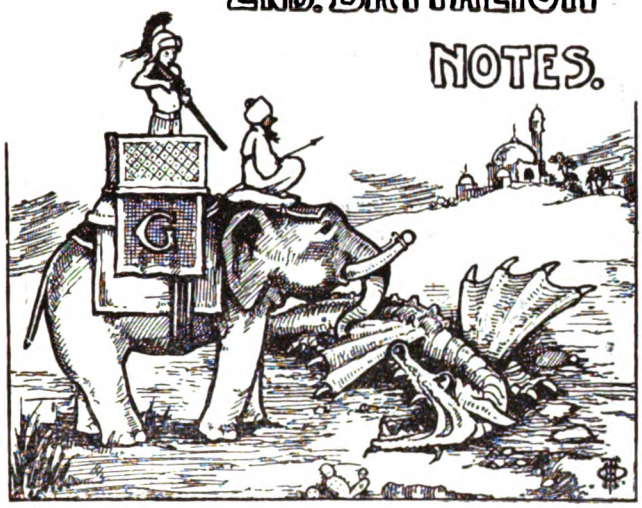
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



Lahore,

25th October, 1930.

WE owe the Editor and readers an apology for the omission of the 2nd Battalion Notes in last month's *Gazette*, the said omission being due to the exigencies of the Service and the hurried move of Battalion H.Q. and two Companies to the hills ; which took place on the 9th September.

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The Medical Authorities, having become alarmed at the numerous cases of malaria which were occurring amongst British Battalions on the plains communicated their fears to Higher Authority, with the result that as many troops as possible were returned at short notice to their Hill Stations for the remainder of the hot weather.

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At the moment of writing, Battalion H.Q., Headquarter Wing, and " B " and " C " Companies are in Dagshai ; " D " (M.G.) Company is in Napier Barracks, and " A " Company in Birdwood Barracks at Lahore.

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Major Baxter and Captain Humphreys returned from leave

in Kashmir on 13th September, their greatest exploit on leave was to enter for the Regimental Golf Foursomes at Gulmarg, in which they were defeated in the first round after an exciting game which ended on the 10th green.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson, Captain Hogshaw, Captain Edgeworth Johnston and Mr. Martin all went off on leave to Kashmir on 1st September. Major Critchley-Salmonson is on a shooting expedition somewhere in the wilds, and no report as to his successes has yet been received ; the others are at the moment getting some duck shooting near the Wular Lake.

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Mr. Butterfield, whom we have much pleasure in welcoming to the 2nd Battalion, has arrived safely from England, and at the moment is commanding " D " (M.G.) Company in Lahore, as Major Braddell left for Peshawar on 13th October to take command of the Advanced Base Depôt for the Force which has just commenced operations against the Afridis.

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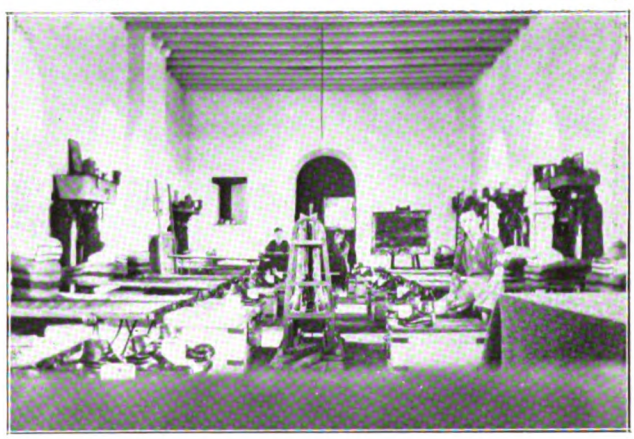
Our plans for the cold weather are, more or less, cut and dried. The Battalion moves down to Lahore on 3rd and 4th November, we are to be inspected by the Commander-in-Chief



on 11th November, and on 15th November, we go into camp, until about a week before Christmas. In January two Companies are to take part in a march through disaffected areas of the Punjab, and presumably February will be taken up with preparations for our move to Shanghai.

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The cold weather in Lahore will be as feverishly active as usual, as the rush of District Athletic and Boxing Tournaments will start in January, and our Battalion Sports and Boxing will have to be got through soon after Christmas ; at some time which does not clash with Internal Security Demands and any possible Brigade Training. We have had a very good inter-Platoon Football Competition in Dagshai between ourselves and the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and most of the matches have been very closely contested. Number 6 Platoon of " B " Company are to be heartily congratulated on their win in the final against Number 10 Platoon of " C " Company. Four of our Platoons were left in, in the semi-final stage, so that, on the whole, we were very successful.

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We soon hope to see our Band again, as the annual migration of the Simla Hill dwellers has commenced, and the Kalka road is daily congested by the luxurious motor cars of those who carry our destinies in their hands.

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Captain Ingledew paid us a flying visit on 22nd October on his way back to Delhi from Simla. We were very pleased to see him, and are only sorry that he will not be coming to China with us.

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We have read with interest in one of your contemporaries at home the stirring accounts of the hardships suffered and desperate enterprises undertaken by our Detachment which manned the Armoured Train. In this case the prophets are indeed with honour in their own country, and the special correspondent concerned is worthy of a place side by side in the gallery of fame with the late Baron Munchausen.

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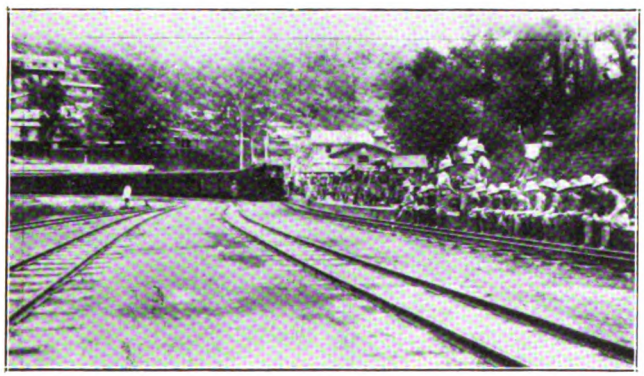
Congress activities in Lahore seem to have died down during the last six weeks, and, indeed, the only alarming recent events there, have been two determined attempts to murder members of the Punjab Police. The Deputy Superintendent of Police was fired on while in his motor car, and a British Serjeant was shot at while entering his house; both these attempts were



THE BATTALION AT DHARAMPORE.
(*Photo by Sjt. Holdsworth.*)

happily unsuccessful, but the would-be murderers have not as yet been arrested.

Serjeants' Mess.

September, 1930.

"All quiet on the North Western Front"; we are back once again in our old summer resort in the Simla Hills. Dagshai still stands at the top of a hill, with the Serjeants' Mess on the topmost point.

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We left Lahore on a hot, stuffy night. It was not so hot that our timber merchant was forced to discard his shirt immediately he got into the train. Such a sight has never before been seen. On making enquiries at the Lahore Zoo we were assured that the pet monster from the Brazil Jungle was still safe in its cage.

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All the fat ones were put in the same compartment in the Troop Train. They had arranged their sleeping berths, and only one seat remained. Imagine Chips, Busty and Lackery sitting on that one seat, with Ritchie in the centre. You would think it impossible for three such girths to sit on the same seat, but they managed it, whilst Ritchie made them secure by acting as a wedge. Eight stone nothing, with about thirty

THE LIONS FEEDING AT DHARAMPORE.
(*Photo by Sjt. Holdsworth.*)

stone on each side of him. No wonder everyone is telling Ritchie that he is turning slim.

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We are sharing the Mess with the Royal Scots Fusiliers once again. Two Whist Drives and Dances have been held, and both were a great success; so was the swindle. Two of our own clan were greatly disappointed at not winning the swindle prize. Why cannot the prizes be given in the bar for a change? How is a chap to know when his number is called out, if they will insist on doing it in the Dance Hall?

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Everyone is quite used to seeing Drum-Major and Sjt. Davey standing outside the Wet Canteen in these days of convalescence. A red sash suits them too. They even keep a list of the duties they do, in case some one should do them out of their turn—as if any one of us would ever think of offending the poor chaps!

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Our musketry expert has acquired the musketry craze once

DAGSHAI
(*Photo by Sjt. Holdsworth.*)

again. He is to be seen on the square every morning with his quad of Provost Serjeants, telling them the exact weight of a

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rifle, and how it should be held. He tells us that they can lay a correct aim already. Rather clever, we call it, after the short period of training they've had. They are not getting such bad results on the range, either, whilst firing each afternoon.

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Quite a few members, in anticipation of the good times to come in Shanghai, are cultivating million-dollar smiles. Dentists appear to be in great demand.

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H.Q. Wing Office has taken a brighter aspect. A complete set of pearly dominoes encourages the two-bob-a-day wallah when he craves audience with the Controller of Accounts.

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Sjt. Baker is still going strong. We congratulate him on being presented with another daughter. This makes three daughters and two sons. Keep going, Bill, you'll soon have a platoon of your own! The sole topic of the Mess just now is Shanghai. Married men are looking forward to the good times they are going to have with the extra one and sixpence a day colonial pay—no doubt the poor devils will need it. Quarter blokes are punching up the Home System of accounts, they appear to be very downhearted about it too. Seemingly, there is no rebate! However, if we say too much about them, they will be stopping our pay, so we had better say no more.

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
November, 1930.

OUR activities at the Depôt during the past month have, to a very large extent, centred around the visit of the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion to Newcastle and the various Armistice Celebrations, Concerts and social functions connected therewith. Before, therefore, dealing with our usual somewhat miscellaneous collection of notes, we propose to record these various events in their chronological order.

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6th November.—The Band and Drums (Strength, 58), travelling by bus, arrived in time for dinners. In the afternoon, Mr. Windram and Drum-Major Starbuck carried out a reconnaissance of the City in connection with the forthcoming Armistice Celebrations. In the evening the Band played in the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts Officers' Mess. We do not know when a Band last played in this Mess, but we do know that the Programme of Music was very much appreciated by both the members of the Mess and their guests. The Drums played Tattoo in the Infantry Barracks.

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7th November.—In the morning the Band and Drums, together with the various Detachments from the Garrison, held a rehearsal parade for the Armistice Sunday British Legion Parade.

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In the presence of a large attendance of the Public, the Drums played Retreat on the Garrison Recreation Ground.

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In the evening the Band gave a concert in the City Hall. We wish to take this opportunity of recording our grateful thanks to Sir Arthur W. Lambert for so kindly obtaining this engagement for us. In appending an account of this concert, taken from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*, of the 8th November, we would only like to add that we were particularly gratified to see so many Old Fusiliers included in the audience, which numbered some six hundred persons.

"The audience at the City Hall, Newcastle, last night, when a concert was given by the Band of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers from York, was in inverse ratio to the excellence of the musical treat provided.

It was unfortunate that there were so many vacant seats—in a less commodious hall, of course, the attendance would have been regarded as by no means sparse—but any lack in numbers was more than compensated for by the enthusiasm of those who took advantage of the opportunity to hear the Band of their own County Regiment.

More might have been made of the occasion if it had been known that this would be the last concert to be conducted by Mr. J. Causley Windram, L.R.A.M., who, after about a score of years' service with the 'Fighting Fifth,' has accepted an appointment as Bandmaster with the Coldstream Guards.

Mr. Windram conducted with dynamic ease, displaying all the qualities of musicianly leadership, and the playing throughout was characterized by that precision and punctiliousness one might expect from a military combination.

Following the opening overture, Rossini's familiar 'Semiramide,' a delightful rendering was given of the fascinating waltz by Johann Strauss, 'On the Beautiful Blue Danube,' each movement of which is such an exquisite melodic gem.

Two excerpts from Tschaikowsky's 'Pathetique Symphony' were played with rare intuition, understanding and executive skill. The beautiful andante melody from the first movement was interpreted with marked feeling, sympathy and restraint, while the stirring and brilliant climax of the fiery march from the third movement was an exhilarating exposition of the comprehensive capabilities of this talented company of instrumentalists.

The programme also included selections from the 'Yeomen of the Guard,' and Ponchielli's Opera, 'La Giaconda,' including the well-known 'Dance of the Hours'; excerpts from 'The Gold Diggers of Broadway' and Luigini's suite, 'Ballet Egyptien.'

The final thrill was provided by the playing of the Regimental Marches of the Northumberland Fusiliers, 'The British Grenadiers,' 'Rule Britannia' and the National Anthem."

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8th November.—The Drums played Réveillé in the Infantry Barracks. A small band played at the Old Comrades' Club for a Smoking Concert.

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Armistice Sunday.—In the morning, the Depôt, accompanied by a small party of Old Comrades, attended Divine Service at the Garrison Church (St. Luke's). The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. O. Hall, M.C., Vicar of St. Luke's and Chaplain to the Garrison. The Band and Drums attended, and the Band played at the Service. At the conclusion of the Service, the Depôt marched back to Barracks *via* Hunter's Moor Road, Barras Bridge, Percy Street, Gallowgate and Barrack Road.

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Prior to the Parade being dismissed, the Commanding Officer presented the Meritorious Service Medal to ex-Colour-Serjeant John Topp, whose record of Service we give below.

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He enlisted for the "Fighting Fifth," then known as the 1st Brigade 5th Foot, on the 13th February, 1878, at the old Artillery Barracks, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Proceeding to Chatham,

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he joined the 2nd Battalion. On the 2nd January, 1880, the Regiment embarked at Portsmouth *en route* to India in the old troopship *Crocodile*. After serving several years in India, he returned to England, and was subsequently posted to the 1st Battalion, then in Dublin. Having served a few months there, he was posted to the Depôt, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, afterwards re-joining the 1st Battalion at Woolwich. He was again posted to the Depôt with a view to joining the Permanent Staff, 1st Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, where he served as Serjeant-Instructor to the Old Volunteers at Berwick-upon-Tweed. From this station he proceeded to South Africa during the War, 1900 to 1902 (Queen's Medal), and, on returning to Berwick-upon-Tweed, he was recommended for and received the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. He was discharged to pension in April, 1907. On the outbreak of the Great War, he joined up, and was Recruiting until February, 1915, when he joined the Tyneside Scottish at Alnwick. He was appointed Regimental-Serjeant-Major, and, after serving two and a half years, was transferred to the Royal Air Force, and served until discharged in April, 1920, having completed a total of 34 years' service.

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In the afternoon, the British Legion held their Annual Memorial Service in the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, at which Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson delivered an address. The Service was attended by Major Chenevix Trench, Mr. Holdsworth Hunt and Mr. Yorke. Two Drummers of the 1st Battalion sounded the "Last Post" and Réveillé. The Drums headed the British Legion Procession on their march from the Cathedral to Eldon Square, where a further brief service was held, to the accompaniment of the Band. The Depôt were represented by a Detachment of 24 Other Ranks drawn from the Depôt Staff, under the command of Lieut. Clarke. The following account of both the Service at the Cathedral and the Parade in Eldon Square is republished from the *Newcastle Daily Journal* of the 10th November.

"The celebration of Armistice Sunday has now become firmly established in the national life, and throughout the North of England yesterday, whether assembled in stately cathedral or on the hallowed ground around some modest village War Memorial, the people joined whole-heartedly in services of commemoration.

Honour was paid to those men, the flower of English manhood, who fell in the greatest of all wars, and wreaths were laid in affectionate remembrance.

Thousands of people attended the brief service held at the City War Memorial, Eldon Square, Newcastle, where, for the first time, the Band of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers took part in the ceremony.

Standing around the figure of St. George were the Deputy Lord Mayor (Dr. J. W. Leech) and the Sheriff (Councillor J. G. Nixon), wearing their scarlet robes of office, and accompanied by the Sword and Mace Bearers.

Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who commanded the 50th (Northumbrian) Division during the War, laid a wreath on behalf of all ex-Service men in the City. Among others present were Lady Wilkinson, the Town Clerk (Mr. A. M. Oliver), Sir Arthur W. Lambert, M.C. (President of the Newcastle Central Branch of the British Legion), the Rev. R. G. Cowie, C.F. (Chairman), Captain W. C. Simpson (Hon. Secretary), and Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L.

On reaching Eldon Square, General Wilkinson was received by a composite guard of honour representative of H.M.S. *Helicon*, the 19th Field Brigade, Royal Artillery and the Regimental Depôts of the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry, the whole being under the command of Captain D. S. Lindsay, M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers.

Four sentries—two R.N.V.R. and two Northumberland Fusiliers—were posted at the corners of the Memorial, resting on arms reversed, and two 18-pounder guns were stationed at the corners facing Blackett Street.

After the general salute, prayer was offered by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon J. N. Bateman-Champain).

To the accompaniment of the solemn strains of Chopin's Funeral March, played by the Band, the representatives of various organizations placed floral tributes on the plinth of the Memorial.

It was at this point that one of the most impressive incidents in this Annual Celebration took place.

Children stepped forward and placed small posies of flowers on either side of the wreath which had been laid by Sir Percival Wilkinson. One little boy was proudly wearing the medal of some loved one.

Entwined with a purple ribbon bearing the word 'Peace,' one of the floral tokens of remembrance was 'To the imperishable memory of our chums, from the Old Contemptibles.'

Drummers of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers sounded the 'Last Post,' the Union Jack on the flagstaff being lowered to half-mast, followed by Réveillé, when the National Colours were again raised aloft. The Two Minutes' Silence was solemnly observed between the two calls.

Prior to the ceremony at the City War Memorial, the civic representatives and members of various organizations attended a service at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, which was crowded, many people having to stand.

Welcoming the visitors, the Vicar observed that the history of the Cathedral went back to the eleventh century.

Sir Percival Wilkinson said he regarded it as a great privilege to be allowed to address them on that Armistice Sunday, a day that meant so much to them all. It was in that old Cathedral Church that the Colours of his Regiment were laid to rest, and on the walls of which were the memorials to the men who fought under those colours.

The Archbishop of Canterbury had asked the nation to pray on that day, that they might meet the difficulties of the present time in the same spirit as those men who fought and died for their country, answered the call when it came to them. Could we not come together once more in that spirit which animated the nation from 1914 to 1918, working for the good of the country as a whole and for the people who lived in it?

'We remember and we honour the dead,' said General Wilkinson. 'Let us not forget those of their comrades who came back, some crippled in body or wrecked in health, or who, as the effect of the War, have lost their means of livelihood.

'Let us do all in our power to help them.

'A new generation is growing up which has no idea of what their fathers and mothers went through in the War, and have no idea of the misery and sorrow that still exists in this country as a result of that great conflict.

'I would give this message to the members of the British Legion, the Voluntary Aid Detachments, and the members of those other bodies that were in close touch with the War. They will remember a call that was often heard in the trenches, 'stretcher bearers, stretcher bearers,' and that call was most often heard when the shelling was heaviest and movement was most difficult. But the call was always answered, and at once,

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and the wounded were removed to places of safety, and to where they could get medical attention.

'Now, after the War, men are in urgent need of help, and there in one way we can assist. I notice that last year 90 per cent. of the men who helped directly from the headquarters of the British Legion did not belong to any Branch of the Legion. Let us see to it that all the men who are entitled to belong to the Legion do join some Branch. They will then be in a position to help their comrades, either in the form of securing employment for them, or by showing a little kindness or sympathy—which is so valuable—to tide them over a bad time.

'Let us remember in these times of peace, the help we can give, and let us be "stretcher bearers" to those who require it.'

The Lord Mayor, Sheriff and General Wilkinson, were entertained to tea at the Headquarters of the Newcastle (Central) Branch of the British Legion, 6, Leazes Terrace."

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Drummers of the 1st Battalion sounded the Last Post and Réveillé at both the morning and evening services held at Holy Trinity War Memorial Church, Jesmond, and also for the British Legion Service at Seaton Burn. Drummers of the Depôt attended the Service of the Ponteland Branch of the British Legion.

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10th November.—The Drums played Réveillé in the Artillery Barracks. In the morning, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., carried out his Annual Inspection of the Depôt. In the afternoon, the Officers of the Depôt were "At Home"; the Band gave a concert in the Gymnasium, the Drums played Retreat in the Artillery Barracks, and some two hundred and thirty guests were entertained to tea in the Officers' Mess. The following account is republished from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*:—

"The county families and military circles in the North-Eastern counties were well represented at a reception given yesterday at Fenham Barracks by the Officers of the Regimental Depôt the Northumberland Fusiliers. The guests were received by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. and Mrs. Trench, and the other Officers acted as hosts.

Selections of music were played during the "At Home" by the Band of the 1st Battalion the Northumberland Fusiliers, under Mr. J. Causley Windram, and at the conclusion of the concert, the Drums of the 1st Battalion sounded Retreat on the Artillery Barrack Square.

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In the evening a very enjoyable Other Ranks' Dance was held in the Garrison Gymnasium to music rendered by the Battalion's Dance Band."

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Armistice Day.—We append an account of the Armistice Day Parade extracted from the *Newcastle Daily Journal*.

"Flowers of Remembrance, emblematic of the sacred blood-red poppy of Flanders, were worn on nearly every breast in Newcastle yesterday, when, on the twelfth anniversary of the Armistice, all classes halted simultaneously, stirred by a common impulse, to celebrate the sacrament of the Great Silence.

Apart from the solemnity and ceremonial associated with the Service at the City War Memorial in Eldon Square, where thousands of citizens assembled to pay homage to the gallant men who gave their lives in the greatest of all wars, these Flowers of Remembrance have the power themselves of bringing back

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innumerable pictures which now seem to belong to some evil dream or nightmare.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.

With bowed heads, men and women turned back the pages of memory's book, and the moistened eyes and tremulous lips gave a key to the thoughts and visions often too sacred for words. Tears lingered, for the passing of time has not yet removed the heartache of those who gave their loved ones in the cause of liberty.

Bright sunshine cast a golden radiance upon the vast congregation which assembled to honour the fallen. It was a day such as that on which the Armistice was actually signed 12 years ago.

For the first time in the history of the City, the full Regimental Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, from York, took part in the proceedings, and there were also on parade representative detachments of the Tyne Division of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the 19th Field Brigade Royal Artillery, and troops from the Depôts of the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry at Fenham Barracks.

But the wonderfully-disciplined troops were only a frame, as it were, of the poignant picture.

Four sentries—two naval and two military—stood beneath the shadow of St. George and the Dragon at the corners of the City War Memorial with arms reversed, their heads sunk upon their chests.

In front stood Newcastle's new civic chiefs—the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. David Adams), the Sheriff and Lady Sheriff (Dr. J. W. Leech and Mrs. Temple), the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Walter Lee), the Town Clerk (Mr. A. M. Oliver), the Chief Constable (Mr. F. J. Crawley), Sir Arthur W. Lambert (President of the Newcastle Central Branch of the British Legion), and representatives of every phase of the City's life.

Following prayer by the Rev. R. G. Cowie, C.F., Sub-Lieut. W. G. Swanston, who was in charge of the parade, gave a staccato word of command.

Massed Drummers of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers raised their bugles and sounded the Last Post, the Union Jack being lowered to half-mast, and when the last plaintive note had died away, we knew that the Great Silence had begun.

The vast crowd stood entranced, each one alone with his or her own thoughts.

What emotions these mental pictures stirred, and not least in the heart and recollection of the ex-Service man! We recall the gallantry of youth and the heroism of those who were already middle-aged when the great call came 16 years ago. We marvel now at the gaiety and humour displayed by those men during those never-to-be-forgotten years.

At the same time we remember with pride the courage of mothers, wives and sweethearts; also the joy of arriving home on leave from the ditches of death in Flanders, no less than the sorrow and depression which ensued as we said good-bye after an all-too-short ten days in beloved 'Blighty.'

Names of comrades who lie in foreign soil that will be 'for ever England,' are brought to mind.

We remember them with reverence and honour, and raise our hearts in thankfulness to Providence for those who were spared.

We remember, too, the final home-coming immediately after the Armistice, when Tommy was the hero of the exultant crowd.

Then we think of our comrades, who, although they returned, are wrecked in body and mind—Haig's men who marched out of the valley of death into the valley of pain and affliction—and others, the heroes of 1914–18 who are now unable to find employment.

Thus one's thoughts ran on until the sublime silence was suddenly broken by the challenging notes of Réveillé, giving its stirring message that men died that men might live. And the Union Jack, symbol of Freedom, again flew to the mast-head.

During the singing of the hymn 'Lest We Forget,' accompanied by the Band, the Lord Mayor laid a wreath on behalf of the City. This was followed by floral tributes from the Royal Navy, the Army, County Regiments, the Northumberland Territorial Army Association, the British Legion, and other representative organizations, and the base of the Memorial was soon aflame with the red Flowers of Remembrance.

'We are met here to-day, the day of the most solemn remembrance in the history of the country, for two cardinal purposes,' said the Lord Mayor. 'The first is to render our loving homage to those who suffered in the Great War—to our dead who lie far from home in foreign fields and in the beds of the ocean—and those who, while not rendering the supremest sacrifice, gave almost their all—the maimed, those who lost limbs and sight, and the crowning evil perhaps of all, intellect itself.

'We also think to-day of those others who suffered at home—the women, the children, the fathers, the mothers, the lovers—those who gave of their dearest in the nation's interest. To all of those who suffered, directly or indirectly, we to-day, as a nation, render our loving homage and testimony of gratitude.'

Four lady poppy-sellers, on behalf of the British Legion, handed bouquets of poppies to the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Sheriff and Lady Sheriff, and the flowers were inserted in the wire structure forming the word 'Remembrance.'

A much-appreciated change was made in the arrangements this year. The procession was formed at Barras Bridge, and proceeded to the City War Memorial *via* Percy Street.

After the ceremony, the procession returned to the Grand Assembly Rooms *via* Blackett Street and Northumberland Street. This gave the public a much better opportunity of witnessing the parade."

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The 1st Battalion were represented by Lieut.-Col. Booth, who laid a wreath, Captain Myers and Mr. Yorke. The Depôt were represented by Major Chenevix-Trench, who laid a wreath, and a detachment of twenty recruits under the command of Lieut. Clarke.

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In the evening the Band played at the Officers' Mess of the 19th Field Brigade R.A., and the Drums played Tattoo on the Artillery Barrack Square.

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12th November.—On the morning of this day, the Depôt paraded as strong as possible, and, headed by the Band and Drums, carried out a Recruiting March. The route selected was:—Barrack Road, Gallowgate, Blackett Street, New Bridge Street, Byker Bridge, Shields Road, Raby Street, Mosley Street, Collingwood Street, Westgate Road, Brighton Grove, Stanhope Street, and Barrack Road. The Band and Drums excelled themselves, playing absolutely continuously throughout the two and half hours' march.

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13th November.—On the afternoon of this day, the Drums carried out a Recruiting March in the Tynemouth, North

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Shields, Cullercoats and Whitley Bay districts. The Band played at the Festival Hall Roller Skating Rink.

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14th November.—The Band and Drums returned to York. We are all very grateful to Colonel Booth and the 1st Battalion for sparing the Band and Drums to pay us this visit, and we are also very grateful to those who, from the financial point of view, made this visit possible, namely, Sir Arthur Lambert, the Lord Mayor and the British Legion. The visit of the Band and Drums was an undoubted success, as is witnessed not only by the favourable notices which appeared in the local Press, but also by numerous letters of appreciation of their playing, which we have received. We congratulate Mr. Windram on his appointment as Musical Director of the Coldstream Guards, and wish him and Mrs. Windram every success in the future. Our thanks are due to Mr. Windram, Drum-Major Starbuck, and all ranks of the Band and Drums for their hearty co-operation in making their visit a success. We hope and believe that they enjoyed their visit almost as much as we did!

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And now for the rest of the news, such as it is.

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The undermentioned are now attached to the 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards for the purpose of attending a fortnight's Drill Course :—C.S.M. Moon, Sjt. Lynch, Sjt. Frayne, Sjt. Chislett, Lce.-Sjt. Graham, Lce.-Sjt. Watson, Cpl. Luke and Cpl. Nicholson.

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Fus. Ingham is undergoing a course of chiropody at Catterick.

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Our visitors this month have included General Sitwell, Mr. Pringle, Colonel and Mrs. Booth, Major and Mrs. Powell, Capt. and Mrs. Myers, and Mr. Yorke.

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A Course for personnel of the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade in the new indoor experimental range-taking apparatus has been held, and 15 Other Ranks attended. The instructors were C.S.M. Danaford and Lce.-Sjt. Graham.

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Nearly all the Permanent Staff Instructors of the 149th Infantry Brigade have now attended refresher courses at the Depôt, of a fortnight's duration.

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The Imperial Players Concert Party (N.A.A.F.I.) gave a concert in the Garrison Gymnasium on the 20th November, which was well patronised by the Units of the Garrison.

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A word or two about Recruiting. June Squad (strength 31) was drafted to the 1st Battalion on the 18th November. The draft was conducted by Capt. Byrne and Sjt. Lawless. This leaves us with only one Squad, September (strength 27). In connection with the visit of the Band and Drums special authority was obtained for the Newcastle sub-area to be open to us for recruiting during the period 6th to 13th November. In all 31 recruits presented themselves for enlistment in the Regiment during this period. Normally only about ten men per week present themselves for enlistment in the Infantry. It would seem therefore that our Recruiting March has quite definitely assisted recruiting. The following summary of the Squad now being formed may be of interest to our readers :—

Source.	*No. of Recruits.*
Received since formation of September Squad and prior to 6/11/30	5
6/11/30—13/11/30	7
Special Enlistments from Newcastle since 13/11/30	8
Special Enlistments (Middlesborough and London)	4
Total	24

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In other words, 15 recruits or half a standard squad have been received as a result of the Recruiting March, and we can safely say that this figure has by far exceeded our wildest hopes.

Hockey.

Despite League soccer and rugger matches, we managed to snatch the Garrison Ground for three hockey matches during the past three weeks, which were against the 19th Field Brigade Royal Artillery and The Durham Light Infantry.

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The team representing the Depôt was as follows :—

Fus. Watchorn.
Sjt. Cross. Lieut. Collingwood.
R.Q.M.S. Webb. C.S.M. Moon. Sjt. Frayne.
Sjt. Graham. Lieut. Clarke. Capt. Cooper (*capt.*).
C.S.M. Locke. Cpl. Taylor.

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RESULTS.

31st October.—Depôt, 2 ; 19th Field Bde. R.A., 1. Capt. Cooper scored both goals from short corners.

4th November.—Depôt, 7 ; Durham Light Infantry, nil. Goals scored by Lieut. Clarke (3), Capt. Cooper (2), Sjt. Graham 2. The D.L.I. had not got their full side out for the game.

6th November.—Depôt 2 ; 19th Field Bde. R.A., 1. Capt. Cooper and C.S.M. Locke scored one goal each.

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R.S.M. Brockelsby umpired in all matches, and is looked upon as an exceptionally good umpire. His services are being sought after in the County for their club matches.

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Capt. Cooper played in an Army Trial Match, on 12th November.

Squash Racquets.

We are extremely fortunate in having two squash courts in Fenham Barracks.

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Preliminary rounds were played off in Northumbrian area in order to decide who should compete at Catterick in the Semi-final and Final Rounds of the Northern Command Championships.

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It was decided to select the 8 best players and hold an American Tournament to decide who the best two players should be to compete at Catterick. Capt. Cooper and Lieut. Collingwood were elected to play. Capt. Cooper and Lieut. Fitch, R.A., tied in the third place at the conclusion of the tournament.

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In addition to the American Tournament, a knock-out tournament was held for all players. Fourteen Officers entered, and the tournament has just been concluded. Capt. Cooper lost the final to Major Jackson, R.A., 0—3, after some very keenly contested games. Major Jackson, R.A., won the American Tournament, but was defeated at Catterick.

Football.

The following matches have been played in the Tyneside Wednesday League :—

29th October.—Depôt *v.* N.G.T., Chester-le-Street, at Fenham. Depôt won, 6—1.

5th November.—Depôt *v.* Newcastle Co-operative, at Heaton. Depôt won, 3—2.

19th November.—Depôt *v.* Gosforth Wednesday, at Fenham. Depôt lost, 0—5. In this match we were unfortunate in losing the services of Dmr. Stockton (*left back*), after about ten minutes' play, owing to injury, and this no doubt made a great difference to the result of the match.

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The Depôt at present occupies 3rd place in the League, and the following are the results up to the 19th November, 1930 :—

				Goals.		
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	Points.
9	5	3	1	28	22	11

Extracts from Part II. Daily Orders.

4263258 Lce.-Sjt. F. Gray, re-posted to 1st Battalion on completion of tour of duty, 25/10/30.

4440955 Cpl. C. Nicholson, posted to Depôt for a tour of duty, 25/10/30.

4263258 Lce.-Sjt. F. Gray extended his service to complete 12 years with Colours, 25/10/30.

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The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 17/10/30 :—

4265290 Fus. J. Bolton	4267749 Fus. V. Breen
4266270 Fus. T. Bartlett	4267775 Fus. A. Chalkley
4267774 Fus. R. Dobison	4267767 Fus. J. Davidson
4267781 Fus. J. Francis	4267790 Fus. J. Hay
4266712 Fus. W. Moulding	4267799 Fus. J. Mitchell
4267798 Fus. G. Pearson	4267780 Fus. R. Rushworth
4267773 Fus. J. Robinson	4266794 Fus. R. Rose
4267791 Fus. W. Shotton	4267745 Fus. R. Smailes
4267730 Fus. J. Trodden	4267754 Fus. C. Wallace
4267784 Fus. H. J. Ward	4267467 Fus. H. White

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The undermentioned passed in subjects stated for 1st Class Certificate of Education, held in October, 1930 :—

Sjt. Annison, passed in Map Reading.

Sjt. Chislett, passed in English.

Lce.-Cpl. Carradice, passed in English and Map Reading.

Sjt. Greaves (7th Bn.), passed in Map Reading.

4264388 Cpl. Morrison, passed in English and awarded 1st Class Certificate of Education.

4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn-on-Tyne,
25th November, 1930.

ALTHOUGH very little activity has been observed during the past month in our various Drill Halls, nevertheless, having been inspired by the Divisional Exercise held last month, the result was that on the 2nd of this month, we did a Battalion Scheme for Officers in the vicinity of Morpeth.

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The instructions for this Exercise, definitely laid down that the said Exercise was to bring out (*a*) writing orders ; (*b*) administration. The general trend was to concentrate on (*b*), and the reason, of course, was obvious, when it became known that Middleton Hall was our final objective.

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More than anything else, we discovered that our good point was "keeping direction." Without a single exception, we all turned up at the right time at the proper place, and all were unanimously decided that our first thoughts should be "food for the troops."

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Our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Cruddas, conducted the Exercise, which was carried out under the critical and watchful eye of the Brigade Commander, Colonel St. A. Warde-Aldam.

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All available Officers attended, which included Major Bradley, Major Hare, Captain Seth-Smith, Captain Wood, Captain F. B. Clarke, Captain J. Clark, Mr. Peters, Mr. Todd and Mr. Neville, Mr. Jackson and Mr. K. Clark ; also we were delighted to see Major Swailes who cleared up any doubts as to how to use a Light Battery R.A.

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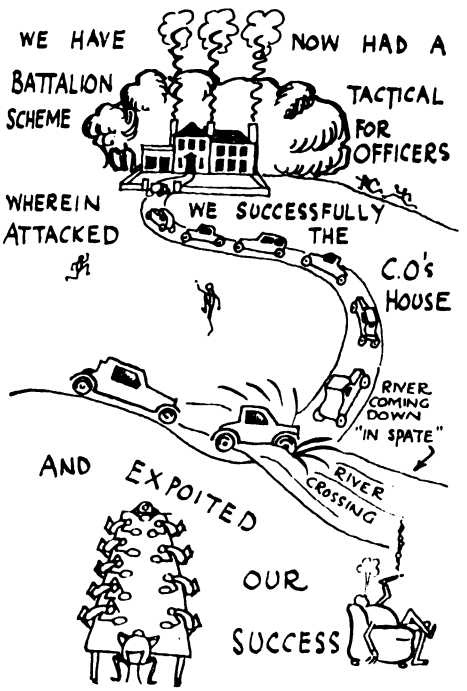

usual, we had a river "in spate" to deal with. Somehow or other, all the rivers that we have lately been called upon to

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contend with have been " in spate." In spate of this, however, we dealt with it according to plan, following up advantages thus gained by attacking the C.O.'s house with vigour, and then raiding it with complete satisfaction to all.

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O.C. " Y " Company was full of pride, as his solution to a problem agreed with that of the Brigadier, but alas! in spite of his attempts to avoid further questions, he had to try his hand again, and this time he and the Brigadier had not quite got the same solutions!

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The C.O. then entertained us to a good lunch, after which we were in such a benevolent frame of mind that we were able to look at things from the enemy's viewpoint, and thus generally accede our faults in the attack.

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This year we decided not to hold an Armistice Church Parade, but many of our members attended a Service with the local branch of the British Legion, which paraded under the command of Major A. B. Hare, M.C.

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The Prudhoe and Haltwhistle Detachments paraded under Captain F. B. Clarke and Captain J. Clark respectively, and attended Services at local War Memorials.

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On Armistice Day, Major Bradley and Captain Seth-Smith represented the Battalion at the Service held at the War Memorial in Eldon Square, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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On Friday, the 14th, the Serjeants' Mess held its Annual Armistice Ball, and it was successfully administered by C.S.M. Mitchinson, of " W " (M.G.) Company, with Sjt Turner and Sjt. Delaney as M.C.'s.

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Sjt. McIver, the Master-Cook, was responsible for the catering, and, like " Eustace " in " Alf's Button," he was very " 'olesale " especially with regard to the supply of meat pies.

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Borthwick's Band supplied a good type of orchestration, particularly for those enterprising dancers who love to be pirates and indiscriminately select their partners during the course of their evolutions.

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Major Hare, Captain Seth-Smith, Captain and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Martin (6th Battalion), Mr. Peters and Mr. and Miss Neville were present, and no doubt their enjoyment was enhanced by the kindly administration of Sjt. Kelly, Officers' Mess Serjeant.

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Three hundred and eighty-three guests attended, so that the Drill Hall was fairly full.

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On 22nd November, the Brigade held a farewell dinner at Tilley's to Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, who respectively have been our Brigade Major and Staff Captain for the last three years during our Annual Camps.

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The following attended from the Battalion :—Major Hare, Captain Seth-Smith, Captain Wood, Mr. Neville and Mr. Jackson.

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The evening was a great success, and the speeches excellent, becoming more and more inspired as the evening went on.

We are all very sorry to think we shall not have the assistance and company of Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt in Camp next year, and wish them every success in their future spheres of activity.

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Our thanks are due to Capt. Parmeter for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

Serjeants' Mess.

Now that the dark nights are setting in, the aspect of the Mess is brighter, especially at the week-ends, owing to a band of energetics known as " The Entertainments Committee," who are still running the fortnightly dances and are now issuing challenges to Clubs to participate in various indoor games.

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The first to pay us a visit was the Newburn Branch of the British Legion, whom we entertained at shooting, billiards, whist and cribbage on the 25th October.

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The teams, with the scores, are appended :—

Shooting.

4TH BATTALION.		BRITISH LEGION.	
C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	57	G. Gerry	62
Sjt. J. Bell	44	J. Mumford	58
Sjt. P. Downie	37	T. Lawson	39
Sjt. T. Kelly	36	W. Wilson	13
Sjt. J. Richardson	33	M. Gibbons	29
C.S.M. Mitchinson	51	W. Jones	nil
Total	258	Total	201

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Billiards.

4TH BATTALION.		BRITISH LEGION.	
Lce.-Sjt. Bradney	72	J. Dawson	100
R.S.M. Blakey	100	R. Jobling	81
Sjt. Bell	100	W. Charles	82
Lce.-Sjt. Richardson	92	G. Jeffcock	100
Total	364	Total	363

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Whist.

4TH BATTALION.		BRITISH LEGION.	
C.S.M. Mitchinson Lce.-Sjt. Richardson	10	J. Grey R. Dixon	3
C.S.M. Stuart Ex-Sjt. Elliott	10	G. Beldham C. Humble	7
Total	20	Total	10

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Cribbage.

Sjt. Kelly C.Q.M.S. Brown	4	R. Jobling T. Lawson	1
R.S.M. Blakey C.S.M. Danaford	3	R. Haswell M. Howe	2
Total	7	Total	3

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As regards the shooting, our first three candidates met their

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masters, but our tail wagged prominently to such an extent that we eventually won.

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The billiards was a close thing, but the R.S.M. played a great game against his opponent, taking what he could get and then leaving the balls quite safe.

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After the games were over, an impromptu concert was arranged, when some excellent harmony was rendered.

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We are now looking for some fresh victims, and trust that the Committee keep on turning them up.

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We were pleased to be paid a visit by C.Q.M.S. Bramley, of the 1st Battalion, and would be pleased to see anyone else who happens to be anywhere near Newburn whilst on leave.

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One old soldier—to wit, a C.S.M.—started on his recollections of "Tin Ring Courses," as it seems "Bram" was "it" on these things with him.

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We have commenced Sunday Evening Concerts in the Mess, which have proved successful to date. Members' wives and friends being invited to these functions, a happy atmosphere exists.

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"The Better Halves" seem to be very pleased about being invited, and the other "Halves" continue to be *stung*. It is hoped that they will continue and improve with time. Many members attend, but there are still many faces conspicuous owing to their absence. We hope the numbers will increase!

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It is considered that this is a good means of bringing the members together (not forgetting their good ladies and friends).

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Three Sunday Concerts have been held, and have proved a great success. Owing to the lack of space ordained by a cruel Editor, the programmes have had to be omitted, but Sundays the 2nd, 9th and 15th will be remembered as very pleasant days by the many members who, with their better halves and friends enjoyed talented and well-balanced performances.

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The Fortnightly Dance was held on the 31st October, and again we were well supported.

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Our Armistice Ball was held on Friday, 14th November, which was very successful, a large company attending. We were honoured with the presence of the following Officers and their ladies:—Major A. B. Hare, M.C.; Capt. and Adjutant K. A. Seth-Smith; Capt. and Mrs. R. Wood; Lieut. O. A. Peters, Lieut. J. C. Neville and Miss Neville.

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C.S.M. Danaford has just returned from the College of Science looking more scientific than ever. He informs us that although it was a very "strenuous period," he enjoyed the course.

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Another of our stalwart members has just reported after visiting the 1st Battalion on a course. Sjt. Veitch was attached for a week's course in transport duties. We can quite believe "Sammy," when he says he liked it.

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We must now conclude our notes for this month; more will be heard of us in the next issue.

Haltwhistle Detachment.

The big event this month has been a Boxing Tournament arranged in connection with "Z" Company at the Drill Hall here. We took a lot of trouble to ensure a successful night, and, profiting by our experience last time, we arranged to have a raised ring, and there is no doubt that this enabled everyone in the Hall to get a good view of each bout.

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In this connection, we must thank Mr. John Liddell for so kindly erecting the ring and charging us "labour only."

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Major Bradley, Major Hare, Capt. Seth-Smith, Mr. Townsend, Capt. Joicey, Capt. Webster and various members of the family Clark and Clarke were present, and we were only sorry that Capt. "Prudhoe" Clarke was not able to add to the number.

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Lieut. Clarke, of the Depôt, kindly refereed, and Major Bradley and Capt. Seth-Smith sat at little tables on either side of the ring, and sent pieces of paper up to him at intervals, to which he was able to pay little or no attention, or, as he said, in almost every case he would have had to award the fight to each of the contestants.

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And now, having talked about everything and everybody else (except the Band, which we had forgotten, and which we now thank most heartily for coming up to help us), we come to the actual boxers. And here begins what might have been a sad tale, had not C.S.M. Walsh put in a lot of very hard work at the last moment, because, instead of an expected contingent of about 12 from Prudhoe, only three turned up, and one or two at least of our own performers were conspicuous by their absence! However, thanks to a very spirited fight by two Brampton stalwarts, to whom we are much indebted, and some good boxing by those of our own and Prudhoe's men who were present, a very enjoyable evening was spent, and we think everyone thought they had had their money's worth.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
November, 1930.

LAST month it was remarked upon in this column that Battalion Headquarters reported everything "all quiet." This month, however, the wheels of the Battalion machinery are revolving more quickly, and we are being drawn into the various activities of our Winter Programme.

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Lieut.-Col. R. Errington, M.C., M.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., on vacating command of the 149th (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance has been transferred to this Battalion from 16th October as Medical Officer.

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Col. Errington is no stranger to the Battalion, and we extend to him a hearty welcome in his closer connection with us.

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Messrs. Gray, Middleton and Izod had perforce to spill much ink on 12th November, when they attended Brigade Headquarters for the purpose of sitting for Certificate "A," O.T.C., Part II. We trust that higher authority considers the ink to have been correctly distributed.

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The Battalion was represented at the Farewell Dinner given to Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt by the Officers of the 149th Infantry Brigade, by the C.O., Majors Peatfield and Leete, the Quartermaster and the Adjutant, Captains Herdman, Phillips, Newstead, and Messrs. Spencer, Besley, Stephenson, Douthwaite, Field, Snowball and Izod.

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We take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the great help which we, as a Battalion, have received at various times from Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt. Both gentlemen realized fully our difficulties, troubles and weaknesses, at home and in the field, and both were ready at all times with the friendly advice and requisite knowledge which helped us along the stony path of efficiency.

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We wish Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt God Speed, and every success in their new sphere of activity, trusting that when they regard us in retrospect, their labours will not seem to have been in vain.

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On Friday evening, 7th November, the Serjeants of the Battalion held an Armistice Ball. This was their first dance of the winter session, and there was a goodly muster. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all, and the Serjeants' Dance Committee are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements.

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Further dances are to be held next month, which it is hoped will prove equally successful.

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The Parade was equally as well attended as in previous years, and the civilians who gathered round the Memorial in the Park numbered probably more than last year. We were told in some parts of the Press that Armistice Day Celebrations were tending to die out in the course of time, but there is certainly no evidence of this in the Battalion Recruiting Area.

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The ladies of the Women's Guild have recommenced their gatherings for the Winter Session, and now meet weekly at Walker and Wallsend, and fortnightly at Gosforth.

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No. 4263425 Lce.-Cpl. J. L. Sword, of the Signal Section, attended a Course in Signalling held at the School of Signals, Catterick, from 29th September to 18th October, and received an excellent report.

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No. 4256898 Sjt. H. Hutchinson has been posted from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty with this Battalion, vice Sjt. D'orey, reposted to the 1st Battalion (5th November). A good send off was given to the latter at a Smoker held at Wallsend Serjeants' Mess, and we all now wish him the best of luck.

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The Serjeants of the Battalion held their Annual Re-Union Dinner in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, to which all Officers of the Battalion, Past and Present, were invited.

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Unfortunately, the writer was unable to be present, and, as the account of the proceedings is not yet to hand, it must perforce be held over until next month, when a detailed account of the evening will be given.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
November, 1930.

OWING to the complete absence of anything important happening in our Battalion, no notes have been supplied for the past two months, and on the whole we suppose no one can possibly say they are any the worse.

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Very little of interest has occurred to either the Battalion in general, or to the individuals in particular who compose it, with one or two glaring exceptions, as David Burnaby would say.

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One important item of news which we have been treasuring for two months is the wedding of Captain C. B. Carrick, who was married on the 2nd September to Miss Elizabeth Mabel Marchbank. This is in accordance with the announcement of the engagement to which we referred previously, so there was really no element of surprise. Perhaps Captain Carrick and his bride are somewhat surprised at the farewell greeting given to them by some of the Junior Officers of the Battalion. It was a happy thought to present them with a Ship in Company Colours, and so combine both Trade and the Army in one simple gift. We trust we shall see much of Mrs. Carrick at our future entertainments.

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We have, unfortunately, two invalids amongst our Officers. Captain France has had a very serious attack of pleurisy, but is now recovering; and Mr. Ronald Potter fractured his leg while playing football. He also is steadily improving. We extend all good wishes to both for a very speedy restoration to their normal lives.

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On Armistice Sunday, 9th November, the Battalion was represented at the Church Parade by Major Bell and Captain Bennett. The Service was most impressive, a crowd of about 2,600 were inside the Cathedral. This and the subsequent ceremony at Eldon Square, which was also attended by a vast crowd, were ample replies to those who wish to dispense with Remembrance Day. On Armistice Day itself we had a small but dignified parade at our own Memorial. It was a pleasure to see so many there, particularly those of the younger generation. We would still like to see more, and we do hope that in future years the ex-Servicemen now with us will make a point of being present, in addition to as many others as possible. We need hardly say that we welcome at that ceremony all ex-Servicemen who have passed through our ranks.

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Armistice Day was rendered particularly impressive this year by the presence of the Band and Drums of our 1st Battalion, and we think the citizens of Newcastle appreciated their presence very much. The public, on the whole, see rather too little of our two Regular Battalions, and we trust the welcome they were given will induce them to re-appear in the city in some form or another, and so keep the association between the Regiment and the city on a thoroughly firm basis. Major Chenevix-Trench and the Officers of the Depôt very kindly gave a most excellent entertainment, which included a Concert by the 1st Battalion Band. The arrangements were made most perfectly, and to an ordinary person it was a very

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special treat to hear such inspiring music from such an excellent Band. It was unfortunate that the evening was a particularly cold one, and few of the hundreds who were at the Concert dared to brave the element of watching the Retreat by the Band and Drums in the face of the icy blast.

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The Serjeants' Mess has been the first to resume the Winter Attack, and held a Whist Drive on the 5th November. This was well attended, and we trust for much good representation at all their future entertainments.

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An Armistice Day Smoker was held in the Serjeants' Mess, on 11th November, in accordance with a tradition that is now firmly established. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, to which the Officers were invited. The Commanding Officer, we hope, struck the right note when he referred to the fact that those whom we had been commemorating earlier in the day would like their efforts remembered in a spirit of cheerfulness and true comradeship, as was instanced by that evening's gathering. The music was of a very high order, and Sjt. McEneny, in particular, was in first-rate form. Our thanks are due to the members of the Serjeants' Mess for their generous entertainment. We may say that the Memorial in the Serjeants' Mess is now a particularly impressive one, the lighting being most effective.

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On the 22nd instant, a Farewell Dinner was given by the Officers of the Brigade to Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, who are retiring from their arduous duties of Brigade Major and Staff Captain respectively. Colonel Anderson was in the chair, and each Battalion was well represented, especially the 5th Battalion, with about 16 Officers. It was something of a revelation to discover that both our guests are as brilliant as orators as they are as soldiers, and one was exceedingly grateful for the opportunity of hearing their speeches alone. Other efforts were made to surpass the eloquence, but only one speaker attained any standard approaching it.

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Captain Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt will be very seriously missed from the Brigade. They knew our ways, and have helped us a lot. In their turn they may have acquired a certain amount of knowledge which perhaps they will do their best to forget. They have been apt pupils, and no doubt will keep their successors wise as to the ability of the Brigade to train Staff Officers. We wish them both all possible success, and trust their careers will be both brilliant and lengthy.

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Future diversions in store to take our mind off real soldiering, in case anybody should think of it, consist of various Dances, Whist Drives, etc., with an Officers' Variety Entertainment to be held on the 11th and 12th December. We have been unfortunate this year in being without the services of Captain France, who is always such a force at an effort of this kind ; but, thanks to several of our friends, and especially Captain Sherlock, of the Tyne Electrical Engineers, we have every confidence in feeling that something will be produced that will be well worthy of a large crowd.

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Much sympathy is felt with Captain Clayton and his relatives at the very serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Richard Clayton, who has, since the war broke out, been a very staunch friend to us all.

Boxing Practice continues regularly, and our first tournament is fixed for the 13th December, against H.M.S. *Helicon*. We hope to make a better show than last year, but the sailors always produce such really fit men that it is difficult for us to attain the same standard.

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From the pen of another correspondent, we have received an account of an alleged Golf Tournament, but for these our regular contributor takes no responsibility.

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The Annual Competition for the Battalion's and the Veterans' Golf Cups were held on the links of the Berwick Golf Club, at Goswick, on Sunday, 19th October. As in former years, the Officers foregathered on the evening before at the King's Arms Hotel, Berwick, where the usual pleasant evening was spent. Six serving Officers and five ex-serving Officers were present. We were especially pleased to welcome Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D., a former Commanding Officer, who turned out for the "Veteran" Cup. The competition next day was very keenly contested in a three-quarter gale, with the following results :—

Battalion Golf Cup—

1, Major G. F. Bell	.. .. ..	74
2, Colonel G. E. Wilkinson	.. ..	75
3, Major F. Dawson	.. .. ..	77

Veterans' Cup—

1, Colonel E. Temperley, with a very good nett score of 71.

The Commanding Officer made a few caustic remarks with reference to the prowess of the Senior Officers of the Battalion, and it is hoped that these will not provoke a challenge from the Subalterns to meet the Senior Officers in a seven-a-side Rugby match, or some such violent form of sport.

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A very enjoyable outing came to a conclusion on Sunday afternoon, with the usual "tappy-lappy down the Lonnen" back to Newcastle.

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Since the main notes were written, we have received word that a new Honorary Colonel, in succession to the late Duke of Northumberland, has been appointed.

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We welcome Colonel W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D., most heartily, and hope to supply some notes as to his career in next month's issue.

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Colonel Ritson is most popular amongst all the Officers who are now serving, and by whom he is well known. He has been most consistent in his loyalty to the Battalion, and whatever compliment or honour is to be given by being Honorary Colonel of our Battalion, Colonel Ritson undoubtedly deserves it.

7th (T.A.) Battalion.

Alnwick,

25th November, 1930.

WE are glad to welcome Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., as our new Honorary Colonel, and tender him our best wishes on his appointment.

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Colonel Wright's connection with the Regiment goes back a

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long way—to 1898, when he first joined the 1st Volunteer Battalion. In 1900 he went to South Africa, and served with the 1st Battalion to the end of the campaign there. Retiring from the Volunteers in 1905, it was not until the outbreak of the Great War that he actually came to our Battalion—but ever since he has had the interests of this Unit very close to his heart. Apart from some two years, from October, 1916, until the end of the War, when he successively commanded the 5th Battalion and held a staff billet on the 50th (Northumbrian) Divisional Headquarters, he has been with the 7th continuously. He commanded the Battalion from the "day of reconstruction" until February, 1927—a period of seven years, and it is largely to his genius in being able to obtain results from everyone he is connected with, that the 7th Battalion owes its position to-day.

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It is particularly nice to have as Honorary Colonel one who has had such an honourable and distinguished record with the Battalion, and one who has been our own C.O. for such a long time.

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May he live long to enjoy his new job! He has our assurance that he will be most welcome whenever and wherever he can visit us, and we hope to see a great deal of him in future.

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Armistice Sunday was observed on Sunday, the 9th November, and in most detachment areas a special service was held at which the 7th Battalion was represented.

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At Alnwick, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson, Capt. and Adjutant C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Fawcus, Mr. Middlemas, Mr. Samwell, R.S.M. J. T. Ratliff and O.R.Q.M.S. G. Pullan turned out. The Drums of the Battalion were also on parade, and, after a wreath had been laid on the War Memorial by the C.O., the Buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Réveillé."

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The Band attended the Parade of "A" Company under Mr. Sanderson at Morpeth in the morning, and again played for the Ashington service in the afternoon. At both places wreaths were laid on the War Memorials.

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Major F. B. Cowen, Major E. H. Watson, Capt. S. H. Gallon and Mr. Robson, attended the service at the Berwick War Memorial at 11 a.m. on Armistice Day. The Mayor and Corporation, together with representatives of all Public Bodies, etc., also attended this service, which was very impressive. Capt. Gallon laid a wreath on behalf of the Berwick Detachment.

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On the evening of Monday, 11th November, 1930, the 12th Annual Re-Union Supper of the old 7th Battalion Machine Gun Section was held at the "Red Lion Hotel," Berwick, where the host—ex-C.S.M. Robert Ridpeath (of the 7th Bn.)—served an excellent meal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participating.

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Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., was in the chair, and was supported by Major H. R. Smail, T.D.—the first M.G.O. of the Battalion—Capt. S. H. Gallon, Mr. Mark Robson, R.Q.M.S. T. H. Hall (who was R.S.M. of the Battalion during the latter part of the War), C.Q.M.S. J. Jenkison, and about twenty-four others.

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This Re-Union has been held every year since the Armistice, and is the only thing of its kind in the Battalion that has never missed a year.

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A very enjoyable evening was spent, with song and story and so on, and the impression gained was that it is a great pity that there are not more Re-unions of this nature throughout the Battalion Area, where the originals of the Battalion—who made its history—could be brought into close contact with the recruits—no doubt to the benefit of the Battalion.

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The Toasts of the King and Fallen Comrades were honoured, and then the Chairman proposed the health of Capt. N. G. Turnbull, one of the old Section Officers, now Lloyds' Chief Surveyor for Italy—who footed the bill for the evening's enjoyment. This was drunk with musical honours, and a menu card, signed by all present, was posted to him.

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During the evening a message was sent to Col. W. B. MacKay, C.M.G, T.D., J.P., the original M.O.—who was indisposed—wishing him a speedy recovery.

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Major Cowen next proposed the Toast of the Berwick Machine Gun Company, and this was replied to by Capt. Gallon and Mr. Robson, who both urged those present either to re-join themselves, or to send along their sons or younger friends to keep up Berwick's reputation in Machine Gunnery.

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On Mayor's Sunday, the 17th November, Major Cowen and Capt. Gallon represented the Battalion by walking with the Mayor, Sheriff and Corporation of Berwick to Divine Service at the Parish Church.

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The Sheriff of Berwick this year is Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.C., M.D., Medical Officer of the Battalion, and we take this opportunity of congratulating him upon attaining this honour, and wishing him all the best during what will no doubt be an arduous year of office. We hope he will enjoy it thoroughly.

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On Saturday, 22nd November, a "Farewell Dinner" to Capt. E. G. Pemberton and Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth Hunt, our Brigade Staff, took place at Tilleys. Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson D.S.O., M.C., commanding 5th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, was in the Chair, and all the Battalions of the 149th Infantry Brigade were well represented. Our representatives were Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., T.D., Major E. H. Watson, Capt. J. C. Carr-Ellison, Capt. and Adjutant C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Middlemas and Lieut. and Quartermaster C. J. J. Samwell.

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After an excellent dinner and the Loyal Toast, proposed by the Chairman, a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the guests of the evening again proved their merit with two exceptionally tactful and witty speeches.

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We expect a fuller account will appear elsewhere.

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The gathering dispersed about 12.30 a.m., feeling that even the best of Brigade Staffs must " Fade away."

Fifteen Years Ago.

Strazeele,

November, 1915.

The month of November, 1915, was, perhaps, the quietest and most peaceful the 7th Battalion spent in France during the whole period of the War. Certainly, we were worked very hard, putting in some weeks of very excellent training—but after all, it was more like camp than warfare, and all ranks got a great deal of enjoyment and benefit out of our Divisional Rest.

" Blighty Leave " was fairly plentiful, and a good number of both Officers and men got home for about ten days, while excursions to all the neighbouring towns and villages were indulged in frequently. Hazebrouck and Bailleul were the chief places of attraction, although we sometimes got as far as St. Omer—where G.H.Q. were then established. The various estaminets over a considerable radius must have benefited very considerably as a result of the 50th Division being in the neighbourhood! At St. Omer we discovered a " Pub " that kept open nearly all night selling " soft " drinks—but if one asked for a " Citron Ecosse " well—thumbs up!

Towards the end of the month, a colossal wind got up about an alleged threatened attack on Armentieres, which our Higher Command had got news of. As events shewed, this attack never materialised—but as a result of the " wind up," we had to march out three or four days to dig a new line of Reserve Trenches just in front of Pont de Nieppe.

On Monday, 10th November, we were inspected by the II. Corps Commander, Lieut.-General Fergusson.

One item of excitement arose in connection with the Machine Gun Section. Practising loading and unloading one day, somehow, a live belt got into one of the guns. The Number 1—a new hand—pressed the thumb piece, and off she went. Fortunately, there was a jamb after the first round—but that round travelled some 600 yards, and hit very near the feet of the Brigadier, who was watching one of the Companies at work. He promptly set off to find the Machine Gun Officer, but the latter had been warned by a runner of what had happened, so he, for his part (knowing his work), was not to be found that day!

The beautiful weather we had experienced most of the summer, and right up to our leaving the trenches, now broke, and we had some very wet and miserable days during the month. But everyone kept cheerful.

There is one little event in the history of the " seventh " Battalion that always gave the superstitious ones amongst us food to gloat upon.

A few days after the Battalion had been mobilized, in August, 1914, a small stray kitten found its way into the Officers' Mess, and was very quickly made a great pet of. It was jet black, save for a little tuft of white in the middle of its back. As it grew, this white piece developed into a perfectly formed figure " 7." Black cats are lucky (?) We thought this augured well for us. But about the second day after landing in France, our little mascot disappeared altogether and was never seen again. Then followed our disastrous losses in the second battle of Ypres. Was the disappearance of the cat an evil omen? In any case, most of us have fought shy of black cats as pets ever after.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
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November, 1930.

IF any of our readers want an idea for a Christmas gift to their young (or old either, for that matter), we can recommend a book called " The Crown of Honour," which is a collection of stories of heroism and gallantry in the Great War. The picture it portrays of our gallant men and women is one to be cherished and preserved. The incidents are well chosen and admirably arranged. For those whose duty ever takes them along the path of Oratory there is in this work ample selection of illustrative example.

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Old Comrades' Association Notes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ON Saturday, 8th November, a Smoking Concert was held in the Club, which was a very happy gathering of Old Fusiliers, more so as the Officers of the Regimental Depôt and Captain and Quartermaster W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., were present.

Serjeant-Instructor W. A. Scott occupied the chair, and among the Officers present were Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. ; Captain D. S. Lindsay, M.C. ; Lieut. R. H. Yorke, 1st Battalion ; Captain F. Wombwell, M.B.E. ; Captain J. O. Byrne, M.C. ; Captain W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., 1st Battalion ; Lieut C. W. Holdsworth Hunt (Adjutant of the Regimental Depôt). The large gathering also included Colour-Serjeant McIntosh,

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Regimental Serjeant-Major Atkins, and several others with noteworthy records of service.

The Chairman, having extended a hearty welcome to the Officers, without whose support, he added, the Old Comrades' Association could not be carried on, Major Trench expressed the pleasure it afforded the Officers to visit the Club, the formation of which he regarded as a step in the right direction. He was very glad, indeed, that the Old Comrades had such a place of their own, and that the membership was steadily increasing. When they got things going, they might be able to take over larger premises. Clubs run on proper lines served a useful purpose. After all, the Major said, who liked to talk about old days more than soldiers did ?

Having wished the Club every prosperity on behalf of the other Officers and himself, Major Trench congratulated Mr. J. Causley Windram upon having been appointed Bandmaster of the Coldstream Guards. Mr. Windram had been 17 years in the Regiment. " This Old Comrades' Association is on very friendly terms with the Old Coldstreamers," added Major Trench. " Both were raised by a Fenwick, and in the early days, were certainly very much allied."

Mr. Windram, who was heartily applauded, having thanked Major Trench for his congratulations, acknowledged the assistance he had received from Officers and men.

The excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music included selections by the Fusiliers' Band, conducted by Mr. Windram.

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On Sunday, the 9th November, we paraded with the Regimental Depôt and attended Divine Service at St. Luke's Church, after which we marched through the City and back to Fenham Barracks, headed by the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion. Before the Parade dismissed, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Ex.-R.S.M. J. Topp.

London Area.

The Annual Re-union Dinner of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Old Comrades Association (London Area) was held on Saturday, 8th November, at the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, Brigadier-General the Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O., presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment and Patron of the Association, who has presided on each previous occasion since the Dinner was first instituted.

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Among those present were Brig.-General Basil T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Buckley ; Brig.-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Mrs. Charles Lambton ; Brig.-General E. Morton, C.B.E. ; Colonels E. S. Heard, D. Sapte (Hon. Treasurer) and J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E. ; Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G. ; Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (President of the Association) and Mrs. Hawkes ; Major G. G. Shiel, M.C., and Mrs. Shiel ; Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Mrs. Allan, and the Misses M. and J. Allan ; Majors H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., and S. S. Flower, O.B.E. ; Captains F. Treanor, J. T. Rowland (Chairman of Committee) and Mrs. Rowland, J. Laing and Mrs. Laing, and J. Kirkland ; Lieuts. D. S. Prosser and E. J. Halliday ; The Lady Bertha Dawkins, Miss F. C. Oldfield, Mrs. S. Frend, Mrs. M. Broad, Mrs. J. Wallace, Mrs. E. Jenkins ; Messrs. E. Harvey, A. Waters, and J. McKeown, from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea ; Mr. C. H. Chappell (Bristol), Mr. H. Hodson (Preston), and Mr. J. Fraser,

THE ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER, NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).
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Warder of the Tower of London (Hon. Yeoman of the Guard); Mr. G. Redhead (Corps of Commissionaires), Mr. P. Maydon, Mr. R. Ahronson, and Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Morgan (Hon. Secretary and Assistant Secretary).

Many telegrams and letters were received from members who were prevented from being present, notably from Major Lord Redesdale and Lady Redesdale, whose son had sustained an aeroplane accident during the previous week, and from Mr. S. McClements (who joined the Regiment in 1867) and who was unable to travel. Some 230 members and guests sat down to dinner at 7 p.m., and the duties of Toastmaster were conducted throughout the evening with conspicuous efficiency by Mr. R. Ahronson.

A loyal telegram was sent to H.M. The King at Buckingham Palace, and the following reply was received at 8 p.m.: "The King thanks the President and members of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Old Comrades Association for their loyal message, and wishes prosperity and continued success to the Association."

After the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed "The Regiment" in a stirring speech, which was replied to by Colonel Heard, who reminded members that the Old Comrades included among them men who had fought with the Regiment in every campaign of consequence from Lord Roberts's Relief of Candahar down to the Afghan War of 1919, and that in addition to the Regular, Special Reserve and Territorial Battalions, every Unit which was raised during the Great War was represented, and that the non-Regular Battalions of every denomination were for ever an integral part of "The Fighting Fifth" and had been responsible for adding some of the most glorious of the battle honours on its Colours. Lieut. H. S. Flower, representing the serving Officers of the 2nd Battalion, also replied with an admirable expression of the post-war loyalty to traditions and efficiency which inspires all ranks now serving in their work and play. Major G. G. Shiel proposed the toast of "The Association" in a happily-worded speech, to which Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (the President) and Mr. H. I. Morgan replied.

After "The Guests" had been toasted, as proposed in a witty speech by Captain Rowland, dinner came to an end and dancing began to the music of an admirable band, and the festivities continued joyfully until a late hour. All present expressed their gratitude for the untiring exertions of the Dinner Committee (Mr. P. Maydon (Chairman), Major Allan and Messrs. W. H. Matthews and R. Ahronson), which ensured the entire success of both the dinner and the dance.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

Instituted 1904.

Winter is here. The hand of poverty is lying heavily on hundreds of erstwhile gallant Fifth Fusiliers and Funds are exhausted.

Any sum, large or small, also cast off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by

The Secretary,
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Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Review Order.

ON a day in a year I've forgotten,
A notable battle was fought,
When the dress regulations were rotten
And everyone wore what they'd bought.

Then, the arms ranged from muskets to mausers;
The breeks, from tight trews to the kilt,
But this Regiment wore nothing but trousers
Which had always been specially built.

These were loose, without cumbersome wrappings;
The Officers' fitted like skins,
Setting off all their soldierly trappings
From their waists to their Wellingtoned shins.

In the smoke and the dust of the fighting,
Recognition of units was hard,
The guns had but primitive sighting,
And Intelligence Sections were barred.

Are they friends? Are they foes on that hill top?
Then up rides the General and speaks—
"Don't you see who have taken that hill top?
Can't you tell by their wonderful breeks?"

At the end of the din and the rattle
The Officers sat down and cursed;
For, in spite of their winning the battle,
Their wonderful breeches had burst.

So the King at the time, then consented,
After duly considered research,
That the overall, slightly augmented,
Should be worn for Reviews and for Church.

Scholarships at Brighton College for Sons of Army Officers.

IT is officially announced that an examination for one Gill Memorial Scholarship and one or two Gill Memorial Exhibitions will be held at Brighton College on 2nd and 3rd June, 1931. Admission to compete in the examination is by nomination, and candidates must be:—

(i) under 14 years of age on 1st June, 1931, and
(ii) the sons of Officers who hold or have held His Majesty's Commission in the Regular Army, or, failing such candidates, sons of Officers who hold or have held His Majesty's Commission in the Reserve or Auxiliary Military Forces.

The Scholarship and Exhibitions are each tenable at Brighton College for three years, but this period may, on the recommendation of the Headmaster, be extended to four years. The annual value of a Scholarship is £81, and of an Exhibition £60, reducing the amount payable by a parent or guardian to approximately £77 and £98 respectively, inclusive of all necessary extras.

Applications for nomination by the War Office (accompanied by birth certificate and certificates of conduct from the Headmaster of the schools at which the boys attended during the previous two years) should reach the Under-Secretary of State (C. 1), The War Office, London, S.W. 1, not later than 30th April, 1931.

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Lieut. B. T. Pringle	to 12/30	Mrs. Hart Dyke	to 12/31
Lieut. T. E. Bland	„ 4/31	Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O.	„ 12/31
Major H. G. Sutherland ..	„ 8/31	Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E. ..	„ 12/31
Lieut. J. Simpson	„ 8/31	Capt. G. S. W. Gatehouse ..	„ 12/31
Lieut. G. H. Bolster	„ 10/31	Capt. R. F. Watson	„ 12/31
Col. R. T. K. Auld	„ 10/31	Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. ..	„ 12/31
Major E. G. M. Buckley ..	„ 11/31	Lieut. R. Randall	„ 12/31
Lt.-Col. B. W. E. Gething ..	„ 11/31	Bt.-Gen. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.	„ 12/31
Mr. James Dixon	„ 12/31	Mrs. Seth Smith	„ 1/32
Mrs. Riddell	„ 12/31	Mr. John Pearse	„ 1/32
Mr. F. Poulton, M.C., D.C.M.	„ 12/31		
Lt.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M.	„ 12/31		

DEATH.

HARDING.—On 18th December, 1930, at Woodmancote, Lymington, Hants, Frances Augusta, wife of Major Gerald M. Harding, late 5th Fusiliers.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Major G. White, M.C. (dated 15th November).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut. J. W. Anderson, late 7th Bn. North'd Fusiliers, on enlistment into the ranks, relinquishes the rank of Lieut. (dated 30th September, 1921).

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Retrospect, 1930.

"THE soldier's honour lies in the discharge of his duty in every rank and situation, no matter whether that rank be high or low, that situation easy or difficult, ordinary or extraordinary. Even in peace there is much silent heroism and self-control, and much quiet endurance, which is often more difficult than the hot-blooded deed in war . . . The soldier must be able to face his judge. This judge may be only his superior officer, some strict, but just commander, or the verdict of history ; but less indulgent than either is the judge in a man's own breast, for every man is the last and highest judge of his own honour."

These are the words of a distinguished German soldier. This year, Sir Percy Wilkinson, the Colonel of the Regiment, addressed five of its Battalions on parade in camp. In his address he spoke of the Regiment's traditions as follows :—" These traditions are a priceless heritage, handed down to us through the centuries, and a record of brave deeds nobly done. They are left in our charge for the time being, and it is in our hands whether we add to their glories or tarnish their fame. We must each remember that we are equally responsible." The writer would like to emphasize the words " each " and " equally," for it is in the *sum* of the efforts of all individuals of the Regiment that its moral credit balance for the year is to be found.

A regiment may be likened to many things. It may be looked upon as a family whose honour is its first and most vital consideration. Or, again, it may be likened to a complicated piece of machinery whose production only reaches the desired efficiency when every wheel and cog and shaft is kept clean and well oiled. But if, as one must in writing a retrospect, one looks back over its history, down its many long periods of peace, and its relatively short periods of war, perhaps the most appropriate likeness is to that of a great moral savings bank. Into this bank, during our service, go our voluntary contributions, which may be great or small, according to the amount we individually achieve for the common good. From these contributions accrues the Regiment's reserve of moral capital, which sustains it during the shocks of war, and from this reserve of moral capital, built up in peace, springs that " record of brave deeds nobly done " which is the " priceless heritage " of our traditions. Nothing is more certain than that, without this peace-time building up of moral, a regiment will be in no condition to add to that record when it is called upon to fulfil its rôle in war. Here, then, should be our purpose during the few short years we are spending in the Regiment's long life, and it is into the state of this moral fund that we must enquire when viewing the year in retrospect. It requires but little transposition of the words of the Colonel of the Regiment to say that " it is in our hands whether we add to that moral capital or squander it."

If we view the Regiment in this light, it is clear that the honour of " each one, equally," and his contribution, is to be measured by the manner of his " discharge of his duty in every rank, high or low, in every situation, ordinary and extraordinary." It is equally clear that the individual whose contribution is negligible, is living free upon the prestige built up for him by his predecessors and fellows, or, worse still, squandering what others have saved. True, it is easy to moralize and draw similes. But if such moralizings serve, just once a year, to awaken in one individual or another, a consciousness that he might, in the past year, have made a bigger contribution to the Regiment's moral well-being—and there must be very few who do not have some such feeling in greater or lesser degree—they will have served their purpose.

Apart from a good deal of discomfort endured uncomplainingly by the 2nd Battalion in " standing by " in the plains in the hot weather in India, 1930 has been a peaceful year for the Regiment. The outstanding item of Regimental interest has been the FIFTH's interpretation of the instructions of higher authority that this year was to be looked upon as a " Territorial " Year. For the FIFTH it was made a " Regimental " Year. Any assistance lent by the Regular Army to the T.A. units of the FIFTH has been lent by Fifth Fusiliers, and any increased understanding of the Territorial Army by the Regular Units of the FIFTH has been derived from a closer acquaintance and relationship with battalions of their own regiment. In past Retrospects it has been said, with truth, that the bonds uniting Regular and Territorial Units of the Regiment have been made stronger during the particular year under review. There can be no one in the Regiment to-day who doubts that, as a result of the past year's work, those bonds are now infinitely stronger than ever before. The opportunity provided, firstly by the presence of the 1st Battalion in York, and secondly by the special facilities for co-operation this year, was taken with both hands. The 1st Battalion were able to go to camp with the Territorial Brigade and take part in their work and play from morning till night for a fortnight. Regulars and Territorials alike left Wath Gill Camp with a better understanding of one another, a greater enthusiasm for one another, and a stronger sense of Regimental solidarity than was possible before.

Nor must the part played by the Depôt throughout the year be forgotten. During a training period, terminating within the year under review, over 200 Territorial Other Ranks attended Courses of Instruction there, Courses embracing such subjects as advanced and elementary machine gun training, range taking, section leading, signalling, intelligence, cookery, and so on. There must now therefore be, throughout the Brigade, a considerable leavening of Other Ranks who have attended these Courses, and the fact that during these times they have lived and made friends in a Regular unit of their own Regiment is probably almost as important, from a regimental point of view, as the professional instruction they have received.

There is one more aspect of the relations between the Regular and Territorial Units which has not been stressed in the past as much as it might have been. Just as it takes two to make a quarrel, so does it take two to make good friends. Considerable attention is often paid to the part played by the Regular Units in fostering regimental *esprit-de-corps*, and in lending a hand to the Territorial Units when they can, but it must not be forgotten that the relations between the two could not be as happy as they are, if it were not for the way in which members of the Territorial Units, on every possible occasion, go considerably more than half-way to take opportunities of displaying good-will and enthusiasm, and hospitality, to the Regular Units.

From a Training point of view, the year has been satisfactory, though the too-familiar sight of one man, or at best, two, trailing across country representing a section is apt, even to the liveliest and most willing imagination, to be a little uninspiring. The decline in recruiting for the infantry is one of the major domestic problems of the Army to-day, and though the FIFTH has not suffered to the extent of some other units, the effects of the decline are only too painfully obvious when the home Battalion turns out on parade as such. This Retrospect is no place for an essay on the subject of Recruiting. It can only be said that " a Nation gets the Army it deserves," and efforts by purely

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military authorities, however strenuous and however praiseworthy, to stimulate recruiting, can only go so far, and do not go to the root of the trouble.

Perhaps the most noticeable step in Training this year has been the advance of the Territorial Machine Gun Companies. It is no easy task to form a machine gun company in a T.A. Unit with incomplete equipment, and the Battalion often scattered over a wide area. Once again they have done the apparently impossible, and, by the end of camp this year, the machine gun companies were definitely able to take their place in operations in which the Battalion was functioning as a tactical unit. Musketry results have been satisfactory, and the 7th Battalion are to be congratulated upon winning the Chipchase Challenge Cup, and the Volunteer Serjeants' Trophy.

In all forms of sport the Regiment has continued to do well, though partly owing to the departure of some of their best performers, and partly owing to increased competition since the formation of the 5th Division at Catterick, the 1st Battalion have not been so successful in some of the Command Competitions as in recent years. Last football season the 1st Battalion beat all records by reaching the semi-final of the Army Cup Competition; whilst the 2nd Battalion were finalists in the Lahore District Competition. The 2nd Battalion also won the District Hockey Tournament. From the point of view of winning competitions, boxing has not had quite such a successful year in the Regular Battalions. In every other respect it has been satisfactory. There is plenty of young talent to work upon, and the various competitions at the Depôt and in the Battalions have shown no lack of "guts" amongst the competitors. Since the moral quality known as "guts" is one of the first essentials to any man who has a claim to wear the King's uniform, this is highly satisfactory. The 6th Battalion have come to the rescue of the match-winning record by carrying off the 50th Divisional Competition for the third year in succession. The growing enthusiasm for, and progress in this sport in the 4th Battalion, leads us to suppose that they will very soon make their presence felt in the highest circles of Territorial Army Boxing.

The 1st Battalion had a most successful Hunting Season, and was also well represented at almost every point-to-point meeting within reach, at the end. Captain Seth-Smith with *Martin Barber* and *Phantom Duck*, and Mr. Enderby with *Glencairn* and *Bold Warrior*, were our most regular and most successful representatives at the latter. The Regimental Race with the York and Ainsty was an unqualified success, and, though it is true that one rider fell in the water, another jumped the last five fences without stirrups, and another, after fourteen refusals, came home on his own, nine started and nine finished —again highly satisfactory.

In the 2nd Battalion the polo team have acquitted themselves well in spite of difficulties, the chief ones being to collect ponies, to obtain experience, and to get practice together as a team. Although they were not successful in any tournament, their defeats were narrow. In the Infantry Tournament they lost 0—2 to the Welch Fusiliers, a team who, by reason of their station, had had the advantage of considerable experience which was not possible for the FIFTH, and who eventually scored a 6—0 victory over the 60th Rifles in the final.

The FIFTH has a healthy quota to reckon amongst those, who, having left their Regimental pages in the Army List, go on to higher employment. Three of our last four Commanding Officers hold staff appointments, Brigadier Sandilands commanding the Peshawar Brigade, Colonels Herbert and Kershaw being employed as G.S.O. the Northern Command and G.S.O. the 1st Division respectively. Since we are also represented by Lt.-Col. Garnier as G.S.O. the Eastern Command, and Captain Dorman-Smith as Instructor in Tactics at the School of Military Engineering at Chatham, we may say that the Army is fortunate in having a sound and well-distributed leavening of Fifth Fusiliers to keep its machinery running smoothly and on the right lines. This leavening process has, furthermore, been recently extended to the Regimental sphere by the departure of Lt.-Col. Platt, on accelerated promotion to command of a Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment; and lastly, by the appointment of Mr. Windram as Director of Music of the Coldstream Guards.

Passing on beyond the realm of those who are still taking an active part in the daily life of the Regiment or the Army, we come, inevitably, to another vital part of the Regiment, the Old Comrades' Association, the living embodiment and example of the old saying that "old soldiers never die." For the purposes of this Retrospect we may alter it to say "Old Fusiliers never die," for it is first and foremost as Old Fusiliers that Officers and Other Ranks, whose active days in the Regiment are over, meet in a comradeship which had its first foundation in the Regiment, and which numbers amongst its members men who, in the words of the chairman at the last Re-union Dinner in London, in November, "have fought in every campaign of consequence from Lord Robert's Relief of Kandahar to the Afghan War of 1919." In London, 270 miles from the Headquarters of the Regiment, the membership has again increased; 350 were present at St. George's Ball, and 230, some of whom had travelled a considerable distance to attend, at the Annual Re-union Dinner. The newly-opened Branch at Newcastle-upon-Tyne has a membership of over 120, and has been able to acquire new Club premises. Such is the spirit of comradeship of the FIFTH, the spirit which, whether in battle or in the "quiet endurance" of peace, has built up our record of "brave deeds nobly done," the spirit which teaches the duty of the individual to subordinate himself to the whole, and is of the very essence of the Army in general and of the FIFTH in particular. The solidarity of the FIFTH's Old Comrades' Association is a splendid testimony to the strong and enduring hold which that healthy influence obtains over those who pass on through its ranks to battle against the odds of life in a troubled industrial world.

Once more the pages of the *Gazette* for the year that has gone are sprinkled with the names and records of those who, having made their mark in the Regiment's life, have passed on. The year 1930 has taken from us the Duke of Northumberland, whose family was linked up with the early history of the Regiment, who himself was Lord Lieutenant of the county for 13 years, and who closely identified himself with the Regiment's interests, as Honorary Colonel of the 6th and 7th Battalions, as Chairman of the Northumberland Territorial Association, and as Patron of the Regimental Aid Society. Others whose loss we sadly recall are Major Weddell, who was associated with the 7th Battalion since Volunteer days, and who fought with it at Paschendaele; Mr. Townsend, who joined in 1884 and served 21 years in the FIFTH; Mr. Hadfield, who, after ten years in the 1st Battalion, for another 25 years served in, or was closely associated with, the 2nd Volunteer Battalion; Mr. O'Brien, who served 21 years in the Regular Battalions and gave a further 30 years' service in Northumberland Volunteer and Territorial Units; Bandmaster Moss, for many years with the 1st Battalion in India; Major Challons, who served 21 years in the ranks of the Regiment; Bandsman Poole, who served 16 years; and last but not least, Mr. Alfred Brewis, a

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firm friend of the Regiment, who knew and always took a great interest in its history and literature, and himself wrote the history of the 9th and 16th Battalions. They have gone, and their record of devoted service is an example we may well strive to emulate.

Looking back upon 1930, we can truthfully say that it has been a year of steady achievement, in which the greatest advance has been the consolidation of the united front shown by all units of the Regiment—a degree of unity which is looked upon by others besides ourselves as an example to the Infantry Regiments of the Army. *St. George's Gazette* plays an ever-increasing rôle in the life of the Regiment as this sense of unity is developed, for the more we see of one another, the better able are we to enjoy and appreciate the news in its columns of the doings of other Battalions than our own, and of the personalities in them, of whom we have a better and more personal acquaintance than before.

We cannot acknowledge the value of the *Gazette* without acknowledging, too, the value to the Regiment of the services of its Editor. Once more we have to thank him for another year's work, and benevolent toleration of the Battalion's correspondents. Sometimes their notes are scanty ; often they are late. This Retrospect is late. He takes it all very kindly, and we owe him our grateful thanks.

E.G.P.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1st Battalion.

Fulford Barracks,
York,
12th December, 1930.

FOLLOWING the most wretched summer probably within living memory, we are now suffering from persistently unpleasant winter weather. If there is no fog, there is rain ; if there is neither fog nor rain, there is frost ; but the last seldom comes unaccompanied by fog. Mostly there is either rain or freezing fog. Fog so thick that motoring is impossible or, at least, highly dangerous.

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Two distinguished officers recently took three hours to cover 17 miles in the same car, one driving in bottom gear, and the other peering out of the window and shouting "Land Ho!" whenever the road-side was sufficiently near to be discernible. By this system of navigation, they succeeded in arriving home at 3 a.m.

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Oh, to be in India now that winter's here. Does the 2nd Battalion appreciate its good fortune, or does it sigh for the lights of Piccadilly, York ?

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It does seem that the 2nd Battalion should make the most of India while it is still there, before it vanishes into fragments ; before one ceases to speak of going to India ; but refers to one's destination as Punjab F.S.I. or Bombay F.S.I.

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However, it seems that some considerable time must elapse before India's fate can be decided. The chief difficulty being we cannot help feeling, that nobody knows *who* is to decide, or what is to be decided.

Meanwhile, the duck must be coming into those jhils near Lahore out of a *clear* sky.

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In York, those of us who are not on leave, go to cinemas. We try to play hockey, and hunt, and play football, and shoot, but one must see to do any of those things. So far the cinemas are almost the only places to which the fog does not penetrate.

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On one day when there was no fog, we played a very exciting soccer match against the 1st Battalion the Durham Light Infantry, in the third round of the Army Cup. They defeated us by five goals to three, and, according to one paper, had an easy victory. This was not so.

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The game was very even, and our victorious opponents had to fight hard to the very end to maintain their lead, and had *very* many extremely anxious moments. An account of the game appears below.

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After Church Parade this morning, the Battalion was drawn up on three sides of a square, while Serjeant Obey and Lce.-Cpl. Short received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal at the hands of Brigadier C. E. Heathcote, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Our congratulations and good wishes to both of them.

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Notes on football, hockey, hunting and shooting appear below. They don't yet, but when they have been written by those who have promised them, they will. At least, we hope so.

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We wish a Very Happy Christmas to everyone who is, ever has been, or ever will be associated with the Regiment. This sounds as if we don't care what sort of Christmas anybody else has. So a Happy Christmas to *everybody*.

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The following letter from the Rev. W. W. Lucas, received by Colonel Booth, may be of interest to readers of *St. George's Gazette* :—

"Dear Colonel Booth,

"I am glad to say that the bronze tablet has arrived safely. It is, as you say, a fine piece of work, and it is a worthy companion to the crest in the Window.

"The crest looks very well. The painting is rich and strong, and, although its effect must to some extent depend on and be affected by the amount of light and cloud, it would, I am sure, satisfy you if you could see it now. The day on which the Window was unveiled by Her Majesty was the worst day for weather and light that I have experienced in the three years I have been here ; but I hope many members of the Northumberland Fusiliers will come to see the Memorial, and, if possible, to join with us in our worship.

Hunting.

York is always said to be the best hunting station in England, and I think every one of us who has hunted here will agree that three better packs than the York and Ainsty, Middleton and the Branham Moor, all of which are within easy hacking distance, would be hard to find. In addition to the warm welcome which they all extend to us, we are assured of a good day's sport with any of them. In about twenty days this season up

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to date, we have had only one blank day. During the last fortnight, the frost and fog has stopped a majority of the meets, but prior to that, in spite of the deep going, the hunting has been first-class.

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We all miss "Seth" and "Butters" and Richard very much. However, we have many new enthusiasts, and the "stud" has increased considerably.

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We welcome the following in the hunting field:—Captains Pemberton, Thomas and Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, and Messrs. Parsons and Bryant; the chief additions to the stable are Capt. Fryer's "Sox," Mrs. Beckwith's "Oojah," and Mr. Beckwith's five-year-old chestnut; Mr. Hobbs' "Kingcup," Fishbourne's village series "Blacksmith" and "Constable" and numerous troop horses from the 4th Hussars.

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We regret the loss of Capt. Seth-Smith's Stud, Mr. Butterfield's "Yoicks," Mr. Enderby's racehorse "Bold Warrior," and Mr. Hobbs' trio, "Miss Puff," "Flaming Youth" and the "Brown Mare."

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Copp gets younger every day, and always manages to keep the horses in first-class condition.

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There has been surprisingly little grief up-to-date, and even Mr. Hobbs has not got beyond his first hat this season.

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Negotiations are on hand for an inter-Regimental Race with the D.L.I. from Catterick.

Football.

Since our last Notes, we have received our quietus in the Army Cup Competition, at the hands of the Durham Light Infantry.

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Although beaten, we were by no means disgraced, and our team have nothing to blame themselves for, nor to be downhearted about.

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An account of the match appears later in these Notes.

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First Team.

29th November.—We entertained St. Clement's on the Garrison Ground. The teams were as follows:—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Craig
Lce.-Cpl. Wilson Fus. Dennison
Lce.-Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Bell
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

ST. CLEMENT'S.

Hessay
Atkinson Richardson
Hargreaves J. Birch Foster
Kellett L. Limbert A. Limbert Metcalfe Birch Jun.

St. Clement's kicked off against the wind, but Malcolm got the ball, passed out to the outside left, but off-side spoiled the movement. The early exchanges were distinctly in our favour, but our players found it difficult to judge their passes, owing to the high wind. In turn both Birch junr. and Metcalf got away, and, with good chances, both shot over. From a fruitless corner to us, Birch junr. got away, ran through, centred splendidly, for Metcalfe to miss the ball and miss a glorious opportunity of scoring. From the goal kick, Hughes got possession, ran up, took a long shot, which Hessay was lucky to turn over the bar for a further fruitless corner. Our team were having the better of the play, and, after 15 minutes, Malcolm opened the scoring with a shot that gave Hessay no chance. St. Clement's now had a spell of attacking, but were weak in front of goal. Dennison eventually clearing. Heavy rain was now falling, and the ground and ball became very greasy. Another good chance for St. Clement's was spoiled when Kellett centred for Metcalfe to again miss. We obtained three corners in quick succession, but none were converted, and half-time came with us leading one goal to nil.

In the first minute of the second half, Caldwell ran up, cut in, and tested Hessay, who saved. Play was quickly transferred and a long spell of mid-field play ensued with alternate advantage.

Eventually, Caldwell, getting possession, ran down the wing, and again beat Hessay. St. Clement's tried hard to reduce the lead, and forced two corners, but no further scoring took place, and we ran out winners by 2 goals to nothing.

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Army Cup (3rd round).

3rd December, v. Durham Light Infantry:—

The game was played on the Garrison Ground, and the teams lined up as follows:—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Gofton
Lce.-Sjt. Wilson Fus. Dennison
Lce.Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Bell
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Walker
Storey Robinson
Lalley Boyle Flannery
Cope Machin Cowell Fulton Golightly

Our team was the first to attack. The Durhams soon replied and Cowell sliced a ball wide, but in his next attempt, from a centre, shot first time, and, with Gofton badly placed, fortunately grazed the outside of the post. We again attacked; the ball was centred by Sewell, Hughes could not control it, and hesitation on the part of the D.L.I. defence gave Scanlon his chance, who scored from six yards out, the shot striking the goalkeeper's foot and going into the net. Our team kept up the pressure, and Walker was lucky to get the ball away from Malcolm on the goal line. The Durhams now got very keen, and at the end of 14 minutes, Cowell, with a good individual effort, equalised, Gofton having no chance. Good football was being played with two opposite styles of football. Excitement ran high, and three goals were scored in as many minutes to give the D.L.I. the lead. Charlton, with a long, high shot, beat Walker, after 19 minutes' play. Straight away the D.L.I. advanced, and Golightly scored with a cross shot.

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Immediately, the Durhams attacked, and Cope gave them the lead. Both sides were giving of their best, and there were plenty of thrills. A few minutes before the interval, Golightly again scored for the visitors. Shots by both Caldwell and Hughes were effectively dealt with, and half-time arrived with the Durham Light Infantry in front by 4 goals to 2.

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For the first 20 minutes of the second half, our team were well on top, but could not score. Early on, Hughes shot hard, but Walker saved. Hughes then missed a glorious opportunity from close in, sending the ball just past the foot of the upright, with Walker on the ground. Our efforts were eventually rewarded, when Hughes dribbled through, and beat the goalkeeper. The game became keener than ever, and five minutes later Fulton beat Gofton. From the kick-off, the ball went out to Sewell, who put in a perfect centre, to see two forwards miss the ball. Five minutes from the end, another similar chance was missed, and the game closed with the scores, Durham Light Infantry—5 goals; Northumberland Fusiliers—3 goals.

We lost, and were beaten by a team which, if anything, were slightly the better. Both sides played well, and a real game was the result.

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6th December.—The visitors were Dringhouses, the match being played on the Garrison Ground. The teams were :—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Gofton
Sjt. Peppiatt Fus. Dennison
Lce.-Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Pennock
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Cpl. Bell Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell

DRINGHOUSES.

Hewitt
Harrison Dennison
Leefe Haytor Parker
Bodley Lawson Nesbitt Camidge Bonass

Early on, our team raided the visitors' goal, without success. Shortly after, Gofton made two brilliant saves from Camidge and Bonass. Dringhouses again attacked, and Haytor plied Bodley with a nice pass for that player to centre, and Bonass, with only Gofton to beat shot over. A minute later, Dringhouses again failed through bad shooting. Play was transferred and Scanlon just missed with a header. Two corners in our favour were also cleared. Keeping up the pressure, Malcolm, with the goal at his mercy, shot over. Camidge got possession but Dennison cleared. Hewitt next made a good save from Scanlon's header, and, although rushed by the other forwards, cleared. Bonass was next conspicuous with a good run, and, with a good shot, hit Dennison in the face, knocking him out. Shortly after this, Sewell scored. Half-time arrived with our team leading 1 goal to nil.

Immediately after the re-start, our team pressed, and Hewitt was conspicuous with good saves from Sewell and Malcolm. Bonass now obtained possession, tricked Peppiatt, ran down, then centred, but Dennison cleared. Hewitt was next beaten by Bell, but off-side was given against one of the forwards. Dringhouses were now playing hard, and our defence was kept busy. Dennison unfortunately handled, and from the spot kick, the scores were levelled. Malcolm and Scanlon scored further goals, and we ran out winners by 3 goals to 2.

13th December.—Played on the Garrison Ground, against Rowntree's :—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Fus. Gofton
Sjt. Peppiatt Fus. Dennison
Lce.-Sjt. Smart Cpl. Charlton Cpl. Bell
Fus. Sewell Cpl. Scanlon Fus. Malcolm Dmr. Caldwell
Lce.-Cpl. Hughes

ROWNTREE'S

G. Taylor
Martindale Lickiss
Patrick Charlton Rigby
Bell Stainsby Nicholson Watson Bantock

Hughes kicked off, but Rowntree's were soon pressing, and Gofton was soon in action. He made capital saves from Stainsby and Nicholson. Shortly after, the Rowntree's forwards ran through, and Gofton saved a teaser from Watson. The ground was in a very slippery state, but in spite of this, good football was being played by both teams. Our team now had a spell of pressing, and Sewell twice tested the visitors' goalkeeper, who was equal to the occasion. Keeping it up, Caldwell, obtaining possession, ran through, and shot hard for goal, the ball just touching Lickiss on its way through. From the re-start the opposing side went straight down and scored a beautiful goal through C. Charlton. With the scores now level, both sides played hard, and at last our side got them more or less hemmed in their goal area, and Taylor was conspicuous for saving shots from Scanlon, Hughes, and Sewell. Relief was eventually obtained when Stainsby broke away, centred to Nicholson, who shot hard, but Gofton got the ball away. We next had two corners which were fruitless. Rowntree's then forced a corner, Nicholson sending past. Just on half-time, Caldwell, with a good shot, scraped the bar.

Half-time:—North'd. Fusiliers—1; Rowntree's—1.

Early in the second half, Rowntree's scored. Bantock ran through and gave to Nicholson, whose shot was only partially saved by Gofton, and Watson had no difficulty in sending into the net. A proper ding dong game was now going, both sides doing their utmost to win. Gofton hurt his hand, and Dennison went in goal. Caldwell scored two further goals, and we eventually retired, beaten by 4 goals to 3.

Second Team.

Two matches have been played by this team since our last Notes. One in the league, and the other in the Junior Cup.

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The league match was away against Malton Bible Class, and we were victorious by 3 goals to 2.

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In the Junior Cup match we had easy opponents in Amperzands—a local side in the third division of the league.

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This team is playing very well, and should win both league and the Junior Cup.

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It is regretted that fuller accounts of these games cannot be given, owing to these Notes having to be in earlier than usual,

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Serjeants' Mess.

Our monthly functions continue to improve, and a large gathering assembled on the 12th December.

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During the course of the evening, a presentation was made to C.S.M. Carlin, D.C.M., who is leaving the Battalion on posting to the 2nd Battalion.

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The present, in the form of a chiming clock and pocket watch, was handed to " William " by the R.S.M.

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The latter, in the course of his speech, mentioned that " William " was one of the oldest members of the Mess, having been a member since 1915.

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He also referred to the good work done by him during the last 18 months, as President of the Entertainments Committee. He has done well in this responsible position, and truly earned our thanks.

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Replying, C.S.M. Carlin expressed his regret at leaving the 1st Battalion, but was glad to be able to say that he was not leaving the FIFTH.

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If anyone wants to know the time, ask " William."

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He will beam upon you, produce his chronometer with tenderness, and tell you that it is *exactly* so-and-so.

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Our best wishes for a pleasant voyage, and may the good ship *Neuralia* behave *en route*.

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" Nobby " is somewhat angry—and wants to know who invented " cut-FROAT " snooker.

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A certain W.O. with M.G. tendencies is getting the credit.

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The following instruction on the " Rules for Snooker," and issued by the Billiards Committee is published for the guidance of unwary new bloods :—

> " After pocketing a coloured ball, recover from the pocket, re-spot, return to position, watch your front (and back), dry (if necessary), and chalk the tip of your cue, and prepare for next stroke."

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Failing rigid adherence to this, the cry will assuredly go up from the assembled vultures—" Too late——four away."

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During the month we had the pleasure of entertaining a team of the Officers, and trying conclusions at billiards.

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Some excellent games were witnessed, and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

The scores were as follows :—

Col. Booth	73	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	100
Capt. Scanlon ..	82	C.S.M. Purcell ..	100
Capt. Myers	100	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	63
Lieut. Laing	35	C.S.M. Clarke ..	100
Lieut. Threlfall ..	81	C.S.M. Scott	100
Lieut Speer	99	C.S.M. Brown ..	100
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Not content, the Officers challenged us to snooker. This was accepted, and operations commenced immediately.

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Teams of three were played, our team being completely changed.

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The Officers had again to admit defeat, being beaten by 88 points to 70.

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The teams for the snooker were :—

OFFICERS.	SERJEANTS.
Col. Booth	Sjt. Hobbs.
Capt. Scanlon	Sjt. Swain
Lieut. Threlfall.	Sjt. Babbington.
Capt. Myers.	S/Sjt. Brown.
Lieut. Laing.	Sjt. Denness.
Lieut. Speer.	Sjt. Pyle.

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We are taking steps to prepare for the return fixture—away from home.

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The battle for the Billiards Cup is over, and our congratulations are extended to 'Arry 'Obbs on his achievment in winning.

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In the final he defeated Sjt. Swain by the narrow margin of 13 points.

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" Denton " was leading until half way by 50, but gradually 'Arry wore him down to win a great game as stated.

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The distance was 300 up, and the highest break was made by " Denton," who amassed a useful 35.

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The " One-horse Special " given last month for this event, viz :—" Q " Branch, starting badly, was tailed off in the 3rd round.

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It is much regretted that, owing to pressure of time, the full detail of the scores cannot be given.

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We have also concluded an inter-Company Snooker Competition.

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Twenty-seven competitors took part. This is a good percentage of establishment, and shews how this game is taking hold of the members, thanks to the enthusiasm of " Topper."

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The latter in the competition failed to maintain his reputation for doing the disappearing trick.

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One wonders if the burning question of "averages" had anything to do with this.

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Whatever the cause, it affected his team as well, as the results shew.

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It is understood that they now have T.O.E.T.'s for snooker in his company, with a view of great improvement in the next contest.

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RESULT OF INTER-COMPANY SNOOKER COMPETITION :—

Company.	Order of Merit.	Total points obtained.	Number of Players.	Average Score.
"X"	Winners	240	4	60
H.Q. Wing	2nd	418	9	46.4
"W"	3rd	184	4	46
"Y"	4th	200	5	40
"Z" (M.G.)	5th	179	5	35.8

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The winners, "X" Company, are to be congratulated on their excellent show.

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This shews what can be done by "Team Spirit," even if the team includes a couple of "Platers."

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The highest individual score in the competition was made by Sjt. Obey, who collected 72 points.

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The highest break on the cloth was by Sjt. Babington, who made a good 32.

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We have also to record another "*Highest*" break, which was scored by C.S.M. Carlin, to wit, one electric globe.

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In appreciation of this, the following appeared in Regimental Orders a few days after the occurrence :—

"CHARGES.—The following amount will be paid to the P.R.I. on settling day :—"X" Co. (C.S.M. Carlin) electric globe—4/6."

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Congratulations, "Bill," but next time keep the ball *and cue*—low !

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Another billiard competition (Handicap) has also been settled.

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The prize in this case was a billiard cue and case kindly presented by Sjt. "Pony" Moore.

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The winner was another "outsider," recently returned from the "great beyond" of the O.T.C., viz :—Sjt. Finnamore.

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To assure that it was no fluke, he now insists in giving 25 per 100 start.

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Our congratulations are his.

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Scores cannot be given, but, in passing, as matter of interest, all the Big Noises were disposed of early.

No doubt the handicappers will see that Sjt. Finnamore joins the long list of "past" winners—and remains there.

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A previous writer inadvertently forgot to state that Sjt. Finnamore had returned to Regimental Duty from the O.T.C. (Durham), where he made a good name for himself and the Regiment generally by his strict attention to duty.

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The said writer expresses his regret for his omission.

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"Matty" Walsh has rejoined from the 4th Battalion (T.A.), where he has been attached as a P.S. Instructor for the past three years.

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Welcome back.

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Now there will be "No shortage"—so long as he has "The Keys."

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"Matty" has been relieved by "Pony" Moore, who *hopes* to finish his period of service with the 4th Battalion. One wonders !

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It is hoped that he has a pleasant and successful tour of duty.

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Congratulations to "Ginger" Bell on his promotion to full rank.

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We welcome Lce.-Sjt. Jarmain, who has been re-posted from the Depôt, and congratulate him on his appointment.

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More talent for our already "over-starred" soccer team.

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Christmas is calling the majority of our members away.

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One hears talk of going North, South, East and West—chiefly West, and it is understood that the Dover system of accounting has a lot to do with this.

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Wherever the emigrants land we hope that they have a very pleasant time.

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We also welcome our new Bandmaster, Mr. A. Hollick, A.R.C.M., who has joined and immediately taken advantage of leave.

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Leave was necessary on private affairs—strictly private—a wedding in which he is to take one of the principle parts.

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Hearty congratulations, and may the venture be successful.

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His late unit was the Royal Scots Greys.

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Another of our members is risking the step of joining the Benedicts—namely "Willie" Pyle.

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Again congratulations.

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The winners in the last Whist Drive were :—

LADIES.		GENTS.	
1, Mrs. Carlin ..	.. 181	" Seldom Wins "	.. 175
2, Mrs. Rowsell ..	.. 175	Mr. Henley ..	.. 170
3, Mrs. Babington	.. 174	Mr. Swadham ..	.. 169
Booby—Mrs. Capstaff		Mr. Frass.	

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The following letters from members of the Serjeants' Messes of the two affiliated Canadian Regiments have been received :—

27, CLARENDON AVE.,
OTTAWA,
ONT., CANADA.
24th November, 1930.

DEAR R.S.M. ROWSELL,

I am in receipt of your very welcome letter of 3rd October, and on behalf of our Serjeants' Mess we are very pleased to hear from you again.

I would have answered your letter before, but as the executive of our Mess are very widely scattered, I have only got back replies to my letters recently, and also being of Northumberland descent (Berwick-on-Tweed) I am nearly Scotch, so I am taking the advantage of answering your letter together with our Christmas greetings.

Our executive will be very pleased indeed to accept your very kind and generous offer to present our Mess with some token of your esteem, and as you suggest it would be very suitable for rifle shooting, and they would be very pleased indeed to receive a Silver Cup, which we would be able to shoot for annual competition when we have our annual training in the neighbourhood of July.

I note in your letter you say that you have had the *pleasure* (?) of spending 14 weeks under canvas ! We only spend 12 days, and we all look forward to this annual training with the greatest of pleasure.

I am having your Christmas card suitably framed for the Mess and hope in the near future to forward you a picture of the members of our Mess.

We are honoured to think that your Mess have unanimously decided to make our members permanent honorary members of your Mess.

One of our Officers tells me that you have a Regimental paper ; if so, I would be very pleased indeed to subscribe to the same, if you will let me know the cost of the subscription.

I believe that the Chaplain is busy with the History of our Regiment, and when the same is completed I will only be too pleased to forward you a copy.

So in closing, on behalf of the Mess allow me to offer to you and the members of your Mess our heartiest greetings of the season, and also to add my personal greetings to yourself.

After the festive season I hope to be able to write a few more lines to you, although we are at present inactive.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) F. T. GARTON, R.Q.M.S.,
Northumberland Regt.

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22, JACKSON STREET,
ST. THOMAS, ONT.
3rd December, 1930.

MY DEAR MR. ROWSELL,

I received your letter quite some time ago, and was indeed glad to hear from you, and to know that the photograph reached you in safety. I was afraid that it might get broken in the mails, though the lady at the photo studio assured me that it had been packed very carefully. I read you letter to the members of the Mess, and I can assure you that it was received with applause from all as an expression of their pleasure that contact had been so happily established between the two Messes, and I wish to extend to you the very hearty thanks of the members of our Mess at being made permanent honorary members of your Mess. We appreciate it more than I can express in words.

We also appreciate the spirit that prompted the members of your Mess to suggest that they would like to make some sort of presentation to us, and suggesting that we suggest what form it shall be. But we here would prefer that your members make the selection, and I can assure you that your choice will be quite O.K. with us. We have at the present time a beautiful silver cup for shooting competition between the Officers and Serjeants (which, by the way, has yet to repose in the Officers' Mess since it was put up for competition), and there is also a smaller Challenge Cup for Shooting in the Battalion, which spends a lot of time hanging around our mess room, though we slip occasionally. Another interesting thing in connection with the Cup for competition between the Officers and Serjeants is that the losing Mess provides the dinner for the two Messes, and on this occasion Army discipline is abandoned and the members of the two Messes dine together. These dinners afford a fine opportunity to discuss problems of the Battalion together, and while not " according to Hoyle," yet much good is derived from these get-togethers. The dinner this year was held on the night of Armistice Day, and was quite the most successful that we have yet held.

Of course, our Battalion is what in this country is termed " Non-Permanent Active Militia," which I believe to be organised along the lines of your Territorial Battalions. We do our training in the evenings at our local armouries, doing about twenty-five parades per year. This year we also had a four-day camp, which in my opinion was worth a dozen of the ordinary training parades. Being organised as we are, it is hardly necessary to say that the members of the Battalion come from all ranks and callings in life, and of course many amusing situations arose as to seniority in uniform and out. At one time I had as one of the most active Serjeants in our Battalion the manager of the shop in which I am employed.

I am employed in the printing trade, being a linotype machinist and operator, and our present Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Stanbury, happens to follow the same calling in another shop. I also have the honour to be Master of my Masonic Lodge, and the day before yesterday I was further honoured by being re-elected an Alderman of the City Council for 1931, which will be my second year in municipal politics. Rather a mixture, isn't it ? But such is life in Canada.

I shall look forward to receiving your pamphlet giving the history of your Regiment. We have not as yet a complete history of our Battalion in the early days, but Major Stewart, our Regimental Historian, has been successful in gathering together a lot of data and has kindly consented to let me have the use of his notes in order that I may from time to time give you some of our history. You, of course, know the circumstances leading up to the affiliation of our Battalion with the Northumberlands. Colonel Thomas Talbot, one-time Commanding Officer of the 2nd Bn. of the Northumberlands, I believe, was responsible for the settlement of this part of Canada, and his old home is still standing, about fifteen miles west of this city. Whether or not he had any connection with the

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Elgin Regiment, I do not know, but he forms the link between the two Units.

I wonder if you could give me a list of some of the other Colonial Battalions which are affiliated with the Northumberland Fusiliers? I should like to get in touch with them.

As it will be well on toward the Christmas season when this reaches you, may I in closing wish you personally a very Merry Christmas and a happy and most prosperous New Year, and ask you to extend to your Mess the heartiest of Season's Greetings from myself and the other members of our Mess.

Hoping to hear from you again when you have a few minutes of liberty, believe me,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) C. D. LLOYD, R.S.M.,
The Elgin Regiment.

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We are indeed glad to hear from both Battalions, and hope and trust the associations so happily established may long continue and gradually develop into still closer friendship.

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It is hoped that by next issue we shall be able to report that we are in touch with our Allied Battalion in Australia.

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Many greetings for the Festive Season have been received, and we take this opportunity of thanking the senders.

Corporals' Club.

There is nothing of any great interest to write about this month.

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The Club is very quiet, on account of a large number of members being on leave.

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On Sunday, the 21st, a most interesting billiards match took place between Peachy and our Tiny. Peachy conceding 200 start, the match was for an hour. Needless to say, Tiny was very shaky, and even after receiving any amount of tips from the spectators, he could only score now and again. After a very keen game, Peachy finished up about 30 in front. A good game, but Tiny should take a glass of nerve tonic before he takes Peachy on again.

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I can't say anything about the monthly dance, but from the accounts given by some of the members the attendance was disappointing.

Correspondents are asked to assist punctual publication by getting their Notes in time to reach the Editor by the 25th of each month.

Please write on ONE side of paper only.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

Lahore,
November, 1930.

WE have had quite an eventful month since our last notes were despatched.

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On 3rd and 4th November the Battalion moved down from Dagshai and arrived, without mishap, at Lahore, indeed the practical joke department seemed to be having a complete rest.

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The remainder of the week was occupied by settling into, and cleaning up Barracks, and preparing for the review by the Commander-in-Chief, which was held on Armistice Day.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson, Captains Hogshaw and Edgeworth-Johnstone and Mr. Martin all got back from leave in Kashmir at the end of October. They all seemed to have had a very good leave.

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Armistice Day was quite eventful, as we started the morning with a Review of the Garrison on the Brigade Parade Ground by the Commander-in-Chief, the following Units being on parade:—Probyns Horse, 12th Field Brigade R.A., 2nd Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, 1/12th Frontier Force Regt., 24th Motor Transport Company, 7th Armoured Car Company R.T.C.

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After the General Salute, the Commander-in-Chief rode down the line, then the whole parade marched past, followed by an Advance in Review Order and the two minutes' silence, and concluded with three cheers for H.E. The parade appeared to be quite impressive from the spectators' point of view, and looked very well at the local cinema, where the film taken of it was produced.

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The Officers had the honour of entertaining Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood to lunch in the Officers' Mess after the parade. The District Commander and the Brigadier also came to lunch with their respective Staffs, and our old Brigadier of Nowshera days, Maj.-Gen. Muspratt, now Deputy Chief of the General Staff at Army Headquarters, whom we were very pleased indeed to see again. Whilst in Lahore, the Commander-in-Chief had a very full programme, amongst other things, he

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presented new colours to the 1/12th Frontier Force Regiment, inspected Territorial and Auxiliary Force Units, as well as all Units of the Regular Garrison, and also spent a whole day with his old Regiment, Probyn's Horse.

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Those of us who were privileged to attend the presentation of colours to the 1/12th Frontier Force Regiment were much impressed with the smartness of the parade, which was excellent in every way, and Probyn's Horse put up a wonderful exhibition at their mounted sports, the tent pegging being exceptionally thrilling.

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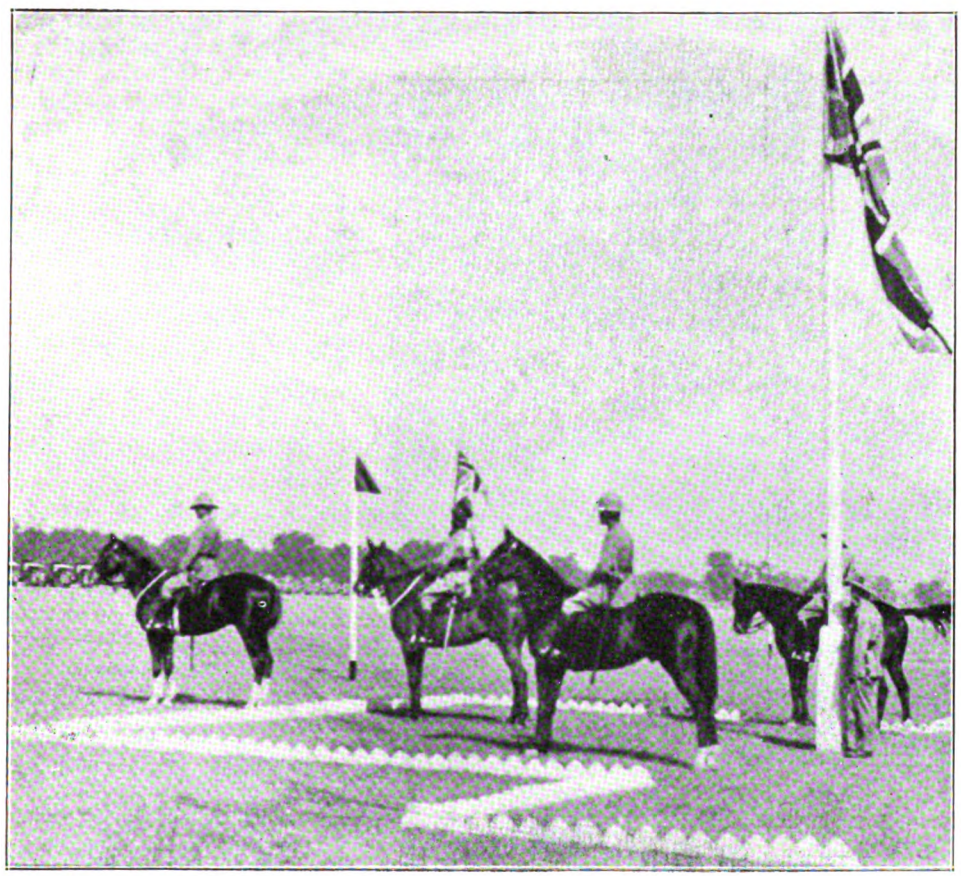
The Battalion is now in camp near a place called Shah-di-khui, on the Artillery practice range, about two miles from Lahore itself, and four-and-a-half miles from Barracks.



INSPECTION OF LAHORE GARRISON, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1930, BY F.M. SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD. (AT THE SALUTING BASE).

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The Advance Party under Capt. Humphreys went out on 12th November to pitch camp and prepare the Field Firing Range, whilst the Battalion came out on the afternoon of 15th November, "A" Company, of course, remaining in Birdwood Barracks.

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Field Firing is being carried out in camp by all Companies.

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Battalion Training starts on 11th December, and we return to Barracks on 19th December. The great advantage in having camp so near, is that the Company in Birdwood Barracks can come out daily and train with the remainder of the Battalion, as they only have to march about a mile-and-a-half in order to do so. The actual camp area is most uninteresting, as it is dead level, with little or no shade, and the ground is a few inches deep in fine grey dust. A trip into Lahore is a hazardous proceeding in any sort of vehicle, which bounds from rut to rut, to the detriment of the springs and anyone who happens to be sitting in the back seat. In spite of the unpleasant road, however, the Lahore cinemas seem to get a fair nightly attendance from the Battalion.

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Now that all the Lahore cinemas have got talkie machines, the competition between rival theatres is intense, and the movie fans are really coming into their own. This week they are able to discuss the rival merits of "The Gold Diggers of Broadway," "The Love Parade" and the "Vagabond King," not to mention "The White Hell of Pitz Palu" and "Ken Maynard" in a 100% red-blooded Western drama.

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After camp there will be that frightful interlude when one casts off the old love and prepares for the new. That interval when a Battalion about to leave India is submitted to the full inquisition of the C.M.A.'s department, and what little money it has remaining is torn from it by the subtle methods of Babu accountancy.

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As these notes will probably appear about Christmas time, we will take this opportunity to wish all friends at home and abroad a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

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Kashmiri Song.

(Tune Stenka Rasin).

I'm going to sing a ballad
Of the pintail and the teal,
The pochard and the mallard
That sit upon the jhil.

To get up is a bit 'ard
With the snow upon the hill;
The pochard and the mallard
You'll find are harder still.

We shoot to port and starboard
A ton of shot or more;
The pochard and the mallard
Fly onward, as before!

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You may have made your salade ;
But the pintail and the teal,
The pochard and the mallard
Are absent from the meal !

Sergeants' Mess.

Dagshai,
October, 1930.

The time is drawing near when we will be saying "Good-bye" to our last hill station in India. The Battalion leaves Dagshai on 3rd and 4th of November.

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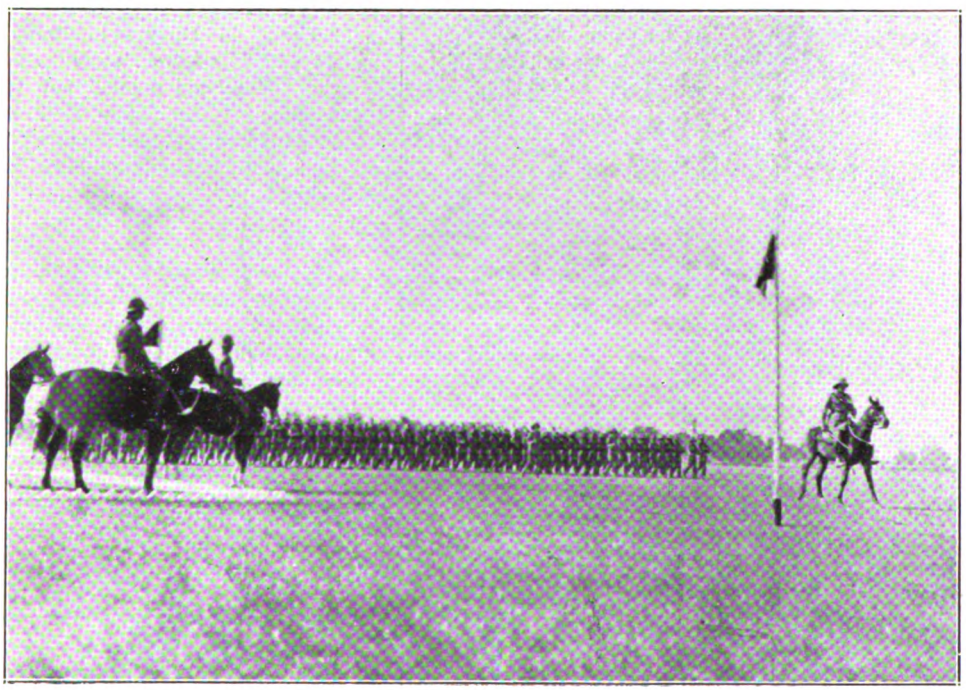
On the 14th October a "Shanghai Dance" was held in the Mess. It was a farewell dance between the combined Messes



INSPECTION OF LAHORE GARRISON, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1930, BY F.M. SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD.
MARCH PAST—2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS.

(The R.S.F.'s and us) until we meet once again in that land of chopsticks and pigtails.

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We must congratulate C.Q.M.S. Wasse and his Committee for the wonderful show which they arranged for us. The Mess was decorated in Eastern style ; Chinese lanterns, Oriental umbrellas and balloons by the score. To add to the charm of the evening, the majority of the ladies were dressed in Eastern fancy dresses, whilst R.Q.M.S. Cartwright and Sjt. Arthurs of the R.S.F.'s gave a touch of humour by being dressed as "Shanghai-ed" and a Chinaman respectively.

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"Neddy" has been taking dancing lessons ; he is getting quite expert at it too.

It was a hot, stuffy night in the Birdwood Mess, seven thousand and odd miles from old "Blighty's" shores. The gramophone was playing a dreamy melody which sounded something like "Shananiki Da." He had once danced with a well-known lady and must go through the motions to show us. Phew, it's hot ! turn on the fan.

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Dancing is easy. You just walk around the room and bump your partner into everyone who gets in the road. Before long you will find that you have the whole of the floor to yourself—that's if the M.C. doesn't catch hold of you by the scruff of the neck. Sometimes you will get a misunderstanding with your feet, but that is only the fault of the Band, who cannot keep time with you. People laugh at your marvellous fancy steps, but that is because they cannot do 'em themselves. All partners are alike, they will keep putting their feet under your "pasties," and rubbing their stockings against the nail in your shoe. They get quite vexed about it too, and to crown it all, when you come off the floor you're politely told that you're a great big SAP, and that if you were a gentleman you would buy a new pair of shoes and half a dozen new pair of silk stockings. They talk some rot about ladders in stockings. Bah ! ! Dancing is no use anyway. What is the use of getting dizzy by going round and round in a room ? Where's that bar ? ?

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"Jocker" has been giving us a few tips whilst on the range, on how to clean a rifle. All rights are reserved, and we advise you not to place it in your S.A.T. as an amendment.

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After pulling all the spare parts off the rifle — buckshee screws and whatnot—the Armourer will loosen all stiff screws for you, with a scrubbing brush and soap, scrub all the woodwork, like your big sister does at home. Whilst this is drying, get some rough emery paper and do all the metal parts, finishing off with Mepo. To clean the inside of the barrel—that's the place out which the bullets come—put a piece of sand covered rag in each of the three holes in the pull-through ; then pull from front to rear, but be careful that you don't get it threadbare.

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On rifle inspection, the look of astonishment on your Platoon Commander's face will probably please you. But that is not saying anything about the seven days or the barra-dig you'll receive afterwards as a reward.

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You will find that the rifle is just as useful as it was before, because you can slope arms just as well with it.

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The strenuous game of darts was first introduced into our Mess during the reign of King George the V. by the two dexterous throwers, "Chips" and "Tiffy," in the year 1930 A.D.

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Darts is a funny game. When you aim at the centre of the board, the dart always manages to get itself stuck in the bottom yet when you aim at the bottom, it sometimes does go there. If you do get it in the centre, you stick out your chest and imagine that every one is thinking you're a little wonder. But all the same, you are hoping they don't ask you to give an exhibition. Sometimes the dart seems to jump out of your hand itself and, after hitting its side on the board, it drops point downwards, into the marker's foot; but that is his look-out—he shouldn't be there.

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William Tell was a good shot with the bow and arrow. It's a good job he didn't use a dart to split that apple.

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It's all right going on leave to England, but the coming back, br—r—r! The other day we were greeted with the old smiling face of C.S.M. Dalby ("Charlie") which looked as if it had just come out of a pickle jar. England does send us back here like that. Some chaps cannot let another chap enjoy being miserable. "How did you enjoy it, Charlie?" "Rotten." "Did you leave the wife at home, Charlie?" Of course he left the wife at home; why pile on the agony? And did he enjoy it? What's a fellow go to "Blighty" for? To be miserable? Er—r sorry, Charles, but we all had to go through the same ordeal when we came back off leave, you know! Think of the happy days in store for us in Shanghai.

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A crowd of us sat for our 1st Class Certificate last week. We now know what the feeling is like before going to the scaffold.

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"Plonka" officiated a/C.S.M. for a while. Mind, "Plonka" is a fine intelligent chap. He's got his rear light in the front, but that is not his fault; although it must have cost a decent penny.

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He knows the exact time when his Company Commander is in the humour for Conduct Sheets or Sports Committees.

COMPANY COMMANDER: "Now, Serjeant. I've finished that lot; I'll see P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s at eleven o'clock."

"PLONKA": "Very good, Sir." (To himself): "Now I wonder what P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s means. Prisoners—Questions—Rifle—Sentries. No, it cannot be that. (*Sees Orderly Sjt.*): "Er, Corporal, have P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s at the Company Office at **eleven o'clock.**"

CORPORAL: "But the Sports Committee has to be here at eleven o'clock; and what is P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s?"

"PLONKA": "Don't you know? We haven't 'arf got some bright soldiers in this Army since they started to let civilians join it! Go away, and use your brains!"

(*Sees Orderly Corporal*): "Orderly Corporal! Have the Sports Committee here at eleven o'clock."

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Eleven o'clock arrives. "Have you got the P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s ready yet?" asks the Company Commander. "Yes, Sir," promptly answers "Plonka." "Shurrrrn!!! Quick march!! Halt!" "What are these for, Serjeant?" "These are the P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s, Sir." "P.'s, Q.'s, R., S.'s???" "Yes, Sir," Players' Questions Regarding Sports." "Whaaat!! but I wanted Conduct Sheets starting with P. Q. R. and S.

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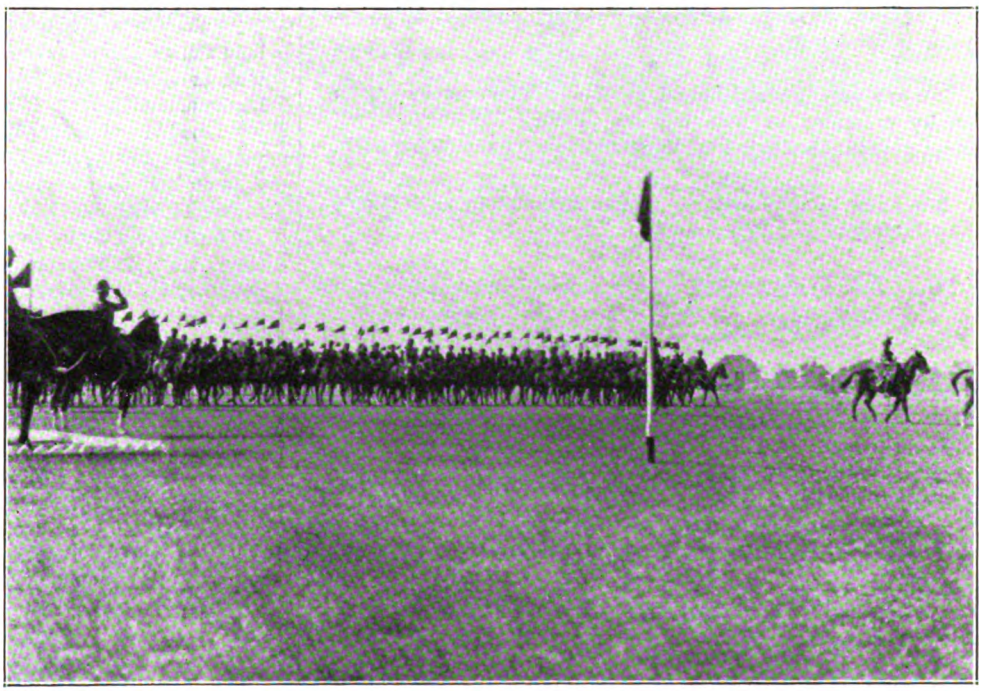

INSPECTION OF LAHORE GARRISON, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1930, BY F.M. SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD.
MARCH PAST—PROBYN'S HORSE.

What else the Company Commander said is known only to "Plonka," but he takes a size eight.

"DEM."

Depôt.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
23rd December, 1930.

WE have now three squads at the Depôt, and are in the process of forming a fourth. Some two-and-a-half squads have been formed since the Recruiting March was held, and it is satisfactory to note that about 45 of these 70 recruits have been recruited from Northumberland.

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The following letter has been received from the Newcastle Branch of the British Legion :—

" I am asked by the Branch to thank you sincerely for your assistance at our Annual Remembrance Service and Procession to the City War Memorial. We appreciate very deeply the help which the Barracks gives us year after year. Without it the ceremony in Eldon Square would be shorn of the greater part of its diginity and impressiveness.

" To all who came from the Barracks last Sunday, we express our gratitude. With kind regards,

"(signed) R. G. Cowie, Chairman."

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The Depôt will proceed on Christmas and New Year leave from 23rd December to the 2nd January.

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Lce.-Sjt. Naylor has returned from a Course at Hythe.

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Mr. Flower, who is coming to the Depôt in relief of Mr. Collingwood, is going to a Physical Training Course at Aldershot prior to joining us.

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We are very grateful indeed to Colonel Platt for having so kindly presented us with thirteen pictures for the Officers' Mess, two for the Serjeants' Mess, and two for the dining halls.

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We have been pleased to receive visits from Col. Booth, Capt. Thomas and Sjt. Crawley.

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The following exhibits have been presented during the month of November :—Two revolvers taken from prisoners on the Tigris :—1 Turkish revolver, belonging to Hassan Hallak, Beyrouth ; 1 Arab revolver, presented by Sjt. Finnamore, 1st Bn.

Suvla Bay map ; 2 collar badges (Serjeants, 1893), presented by R.S.M. J. H. Rowsell, 1st Bn.

Turkish map and reconnaissance report, presented by Sjt. Ross, 1st Bn.

German revolver, 2 German daggers, 4 badges, presented by Capt. F. Wombwell, M.B.E.

A collection of photographs, presented by Major B. T. St. John.

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We wish to acknowledge, with many thanks, the many Christmas cards received.

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We enclose an official account of the Christmas Dinner from the *Newcastle Journal* dated 24/12/30 :—

" 'The Army is a wonderful thing nowadays, and I hope you will have a happy time in this famous Regiment, in which you will have great opportunities of fitting yourselves for civilian life. Every man who enters the Army ought to come out of it a 100 per cent. better man.

" ' Do not be content with being merely a good soldier, but take advantage of the opportunities to fit yourselves to be good citizens. What we want in England to-day are first-class citizens, and I wish you every success.'

" These were the words of Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., who will relinquish the command of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Depôt at Newcastle Barracks this week-end, in bidding farewell to the men as they were assembled at dinner yesterday, prior to going on Christmas leave.

" Major Chenevix-Trench has been in command for about three years, and he is to be succeeded by Major H. I. Powell, who is at present with the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, at York.

" The menu for yesterday's dinner, which was served by the N.C.O.'s in the gaily-decorated gymnasium, consisted of turkey, roast pork, roast potatoes, brussel sprouts, Christmas pudding and brandy sauce, fruit dessert and ale, mineral waters, cigarettes and crackers.

" Happiness was radiated by each of the 132 men who enjoyed the festive fare, and this probably prompted Colonel N. Reid, assistant recruiting officer in Newcastle—whose Regiment was the Seaforth Highlanders—to open a brief address by remarking that the best recruiting agent was a contented recruit.

" ' You have been here some time, and you can tell your pals what to expect,' he said. ' I think you can have no hesitation in telling them that they could not do better than join this famous Regiment. The Northumberland Fusiliers raised and kept going 52 battalions during the War, but now there are only two Regular Battalions. We ask you to do all you can to persuade your friends to join the Regiment, and I hope you will bring in 40 or 50 men for the two squads which will be formed before April.'

" Since the visit of the Band of the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers from York on 6th November, it may be mentioned that 41 recruits have been obtained from Newcastle, 15 from Durham, and 9 from Middlesborough.

" I had the pleasure of lunching with Major Chenevix-Trench yesterday, along with Col. Reid, Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Captain and Quartermaster F. Wombwell, M.B.E., and Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt (Adjutant).

" In the course of the informal conversation over port and cigars later, I discovered that Capt. Wombwell was justifiably proud of the excellent dinner provided for the men, not only yesterday, but every day—and all on 10.71d. per head per day !

" According to the official diet sheet—which I was assured was by no means a " paper " menu—the meals of a typical day selected at random, are made up as follows :—Breakfast : tea, bread, margarine, porridge with milk, liver and bacon, onion savoury. Dinner : soup, boiled beef, dumplings, potatoes, haricot beans, jam roll, jam sauce, tea and bread. Tea : tea, bread, margarine, tripe and onions and mashed potatoes. Supper : cottage pie, bread and cocoa.

" If it be true that an army marches on its stomach—as Napoleon, I believe, once stated—then the Northumberland Fusiliers should be ready for any exigency ! "

Brewis Library.

A very interesting library, the property of the late Mr. Alfred Brewis, has, through the kindness of his son, Mr. Norman Brewis, been loaned to the Regiment, and is now in the billiard room of the Depôt Officers' Mess. This library comprises a very interesting and valuable collection of books dealing with the histories of many regiments, war histories, and treatises on medals, and will be a great acquisition.

We feel that we are voicing the thanks of the whole Regiment in telling Mr. Norman Brewis how grateful we are, as the books will be a great joy and interest to all interested in military histories.

Museum.

Thanks to the generous donations of past and present Officers of the Regiment, a foundation of a promising museum has been laid at the Depôt. There are now 171 exhibits, and anything of Regimental interest will be greatly appreciated by anyone who cares to send it.

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4th (T.A.) Battalion.

Newburn,

23rd December, 1930.

OUR Notes for this month are somewhat shorter than usual, chiefly due to the fact that our Haltwhistle correspondent has been away in London.

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We are glad to say he has safely returned, and hope he will give us some tips in the art of making speeches, as we understand he has had plenty of practice during this last ten days.

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Otherwise, there is nothing of great importance to relate for the past month.

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We are now preparing for the usual Xmas festivities, and, with the advent of the New Year, will be prepared to deal with the intricacies of Sunday Drills, Miniature Range Competitions and more Depôt Courses.

Newburn Detachment.

December, 1930.

Our last month's Detachment Notes having been tendered to Battalion H.Q. a little earlier than usual, the important

item of the farewell dinner to our Brigade Staff, Capt. Pemberton and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt had been omitted.

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The Battalion correspondent, however, filled the gap, so that there is nothing more to be said beyond repeating how sorry we are, which latter point is somewhat brought out in our current sketch, the likenesses not being strikingly apparent, and obviously the outcome of tear-dimmed eyes and befoozled brain.

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Or military superiors have dealt us a severe blow by means of an order for us to have three Sunday field days amounting to twelve drills, to be included in our training programme. We are now faced with the problem of trying to spread out the remaining eight drills of the necessary quota over a period of about six or eight weeks, and, at the same time, endeavour to have more than one man on parade on drill nights with a progressive training in front of them.

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Cheerio ! Company Commanders——Good luck !

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By the way, this also raises the civilian problem of trying to find a spare Sunday in which to go to church, or to enjoy the domestic week-end joint.

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The Annual Naval and Military Ball took place at the Oxford Galleries, Newcastle, on Monday, 1st December.

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The Battalion was represented by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Cruddas, Capt. and Mrs. Seth-Smith, Capt. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. Peters, Mr. Neville, Mr. Beall, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

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Our Regimental M.O., Capt. G. E. Lloyd, M.C., M.D., R.A.M.C., has been promoted Major, and he has our heartiest congratulations.

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He has administered to our sore feet and our unofficial Mess and sports problems since the War, and we hope that he will continue to do so for many years.

Prudhoe Detachment.

Hello ! This is Prudhoe calling on a 950 Contour.

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I am afraid that quite a lot of readers have lost touch with us lately, but this, no doubt, is due to our long wave length.

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We are now in the close season, and have cast our weapons aside, and armed ourselves with boxing gloves, billiard cues, etc., and, like all champions, are getting ready to defend ourselves against all comers.

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So we are going to Halton, near Morecombe Bay, after all, for Annual Camp, 1931. I wonder if this is why recruits are coming forward so early. (Let them all come !).

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On the 5th instant, we held a boxing tourney, and, assisted by well-known civilian boxers, members of D.L.I. and Artillery, a splendid programme was arranged. In spite of our Drill Hall being 950 feet above sea level, and lines of approach like on the Somme, quite a large gathering turned up.

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Results were as follows :—

Fus. W. Truner (" Z " Coy.), beat Fus. P. Allen (" Z " Coy.) on points.

Pte. Briggs (D.L.I.) beat Fus. W. Thompson (" Z " Coy.), on points.

Pte. Lowe (D.L.I.) beat Sjt. Delaney (" W " Coy. M.G.), on points.

Fus. W. Simpson (" Z " Coy.) beat J. Thompson (Byker), on points.

Pte. McEvilly (D.L.I.) beat J. Clark (Blaydon), on points.

W. Hurst (Newcastle) beat H. Lancaster (Winlaton), K.O.

Gnr. J. Keylock (R.A.) beat Gnr. G. Young (R.A.), on points.

Pte. Moran (D.L.I.) beat W. Hurst (Newcastle), on points.

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The following acted as officials :—

Referee	..	Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke.
Judge ..	..	Lieut. G. McCoull (R.N.V.).
Judge ..	..	Capt. & Adjt. K. A. Seth-Smith.
Time-keeper	..	R.S.M. Brocklesby, D.C.M.
M.C. ..	..	R.S.M. D. Blakey.

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I take this opportunity of thanking you, and hope to have the pleasure of your services again early in the New Year.

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Result of the billiard handicap :—

Mr. T. Hebburn beat C.S.M. Locke.

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After looking all over a winner, C.S.M. Locke failed to stay the distance.

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He has suggested that the next handicap be weight for age.

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Compliments of the Season.

Serjeants' Mess.

The social functions of the Mess are going great guns, and the Committee are working hard trying to get fixtures so as to occupy the evenings with entertainments.

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We have had the opportunity of playing the Lemington Social Club at home and away, but as the writer of these Notes was away, he cannot say much as to what happened at Lemington.

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The list below gives the scores of the games, the first fixture being held on the 22nd away, and the return on the 28th at home on our midden.

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22nd October.	Billiards.	Crib.	Whist.	Dominoes.	Shooting.	No. of Wins.
Serjeants' Mess	272	3	8	39	—	1
Lemington ..	360	3	20	27	—	2
28th October.						
Serjeants' Mess	400	0	13	24	29	3
Lemington ..	270	6	10	22	19	1

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If Lemington had a Minature Range, we might have been able to pull the fat out of the fire by making a draw, but it seems our crib team should go into special training for the contests, as there are rumours that steel helmets were issued to us, and, according to the powers-that-be, Territorial soldiers will not wear such encumbrances.

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We have also a Billiard Handicap and Crib Tournament on the go at present, and it seems that our caterer must be in great form, as " In off the lamp shade " and " Steeplechasing like Serjeant Murphy at Aintree " are nothing to him when playing.

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The Sunday Night Concerts are going well, and it is said by various visitors that they are the best that have ever been held and quite enjoyable evenings are spent at them.

C.S.M. Danaford has returned from another Course at the Military College of Science, and says that he now knows that a rifle has a double pull. Whilst there he met two old members in ex-C.S.M.'s Gutteridge and Woodhouse (who both seem to be doing well). Members will remember Woodhouse as he was our R.S.M. at one time.

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There seems to be an air of secrecy round about the Serjeants' Mess at present ; with the Committee whispering what they are going to buy ; also they seem to visit the town pretty frequent lately. I don't know whether it is the festive season that is doing it, or a plot of some sort.

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Well, the Serjeants' Mess wishes every reader a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

5th (T.A.) Battalion.

The Drill Hall,
Church Street,
Walker-on-Tyne,
December, 1930.

THE 5th Battalion correspondent thanks the Editor for his Christmas Greetings, and, on behalf of the Battalion, wishes him a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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The account of the Serjeants' Re-Union Dinner, which was held in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 8th November, has come to hand, and is appended.

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The Serjeants of the 5th Battalion held their Re-Union Dinner on the 8th November. The arrangements were in the hands of a Committee presided over by R.Q.M.S. Jude. There was a goodly muster of ex-Officers, Officers, ex-Serjeants and Serjeants of the Battalion, about 60 sitting down to dinner, which was presided over by R.Q.M.S. Jude, in the absence of R.S.M. Tyrrell.

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Among the guests present were Major-Gen. Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. ; Brig.-Gen. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O. (Hon. Colonel of the Battalion) ; Bt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., D.L. ; Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D. ; Bt.-Col. C. Errington, M.C. ; Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D. ; Maj. B. Peatfield, M.C. ; Maj. E. W. Thompson, O.B.E. ; Capt. and Adjutant A. E. B. Plummer, M.C. ; Maj. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., T.D. ; Captains T. A. Herdman, Costello, Kinsella, and others.

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Various musical items were rendered, the concertina items by Martin Henderson being specially appreciated.

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The Toast to the Officers was given by C.S.M. Coppick, and was replied to by Col. Anderson. General Morant gave a very racy speech, and told us how much he appreciated being connected with the Battalion, although he really belonged to the 68th Light Infantry. He also brought home to us very forcibly how much *esprit-de-corps* counted for in Battalion life. Maj.-Gen. Wilkinson gave a very amusing speech, while Maj. and Quartermaster Thompson was congratulated by the Serjeants on having been awarded the O.B.E. All and sundry were recommended to try Maj. Thompson for anything from a pin

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to an elephant, while that worthy retorted that these articles could be procured provided that the proper Indent Forms were filled in, and the necessary signature placed on the dotted line.

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We congratulate Bt.-Col. Errington, our M.O., on his elevation to that rank.

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Our present strength is 20 Officers and 539 Other Ranks.

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Our Spring Training Programme has now been issued, with its various Courses, which are due to begin shortly.

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The Serjeants of the Battalion are holding a dance on 9th January, on which occasion Armourer-Staff-Serjeant Cunningham, winner of the King's Prize in 1921, will take the opportunity of presenting to the Battalion the trophies which he has won during his military career.

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Mr. Field is to be attached to the Depôt from 3rd to 16th January, for the purpose of undergoing his initial training.

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The Annual Xmas Entertainments are to be held at the Drill Halls on Saturday, the 27th December, when, as in previous years, toys and other Xmas presents will be distributed to the children of the Battalion. The members of the Women's Guild, who have been working so hard during the past few weeks, will then, we hope, reap some due measure of reward by the pleasure of the recipients.

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We are pleased to note that R.S.M. Tyrrell, of our Permanent Staff, is now completely recovered from his recent indisposition.

6th (T.A.) Battalion.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
December, 1930.

A DEAL of hard training was done by our boxing team, under the guidance of Capt. Rutherford and Provost-Serjeant Henderson, with the result that we were able to arrange 10 weights with the Sailors for our Annual Contest this year.

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The representatives of H.M.S. *Helicon* seem to produce an exceedingly active and sturdy type of boxer, but this year we were pleased to notice that the physique of our team showed a marked improvement on our former appearances, and left the results of the fighting to skill, rather than the extra pound or two, that so often is willingly allowed by a cheerful and unimaginative candidate.

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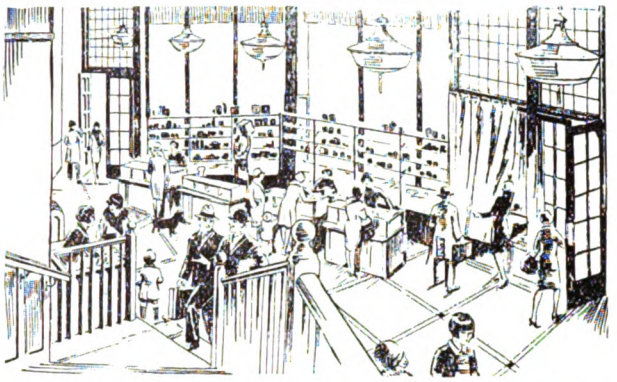
The result of the fighting was a fair representation of the evening's show, and a draw—5 fights each—seemed to satisfy everyone, and our congratulations go to both sides for putting up with so much. Every fight was a hard one, and there was nothing of a demonstration atmosphere the whole evening. In fact, we might describe the fighting as quite the hardest we have seen in this contest.



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We thank our friends of H.M.S. *Helicon* for all the arrangements so efficiently carried out, and for all hospitality extended on board.

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The results were as follows :—

Fly-Weights.

O.S. Loughlan (R.N.V.R.) beat Boy Tunstall (6th Bn. N.F.).

Bantam-Weights.

A.B. Balmain (R.N.V.R.) lost to Fus. Gullon (6th Bn. N.F.).
O.Sgl. Branch (R.N.V.R.) lost to Fus. Craig (6th Bn. N.F.).
O.S. Elliott (R.N.V.R.) beat Fus. Harris (6th Bn. N.F.).

Feather-Weights.

O.S. Guilderson (R.N.V.R.) lost to Fus. France (6th Bn. N.F.).
O.Sgl. Dolman (R.N.V.R.) beat Fus. Huxley (6th Bn. N.F.).

Light-Weights.

O.S. Pringle (R.N.V.R.) lost to Fus. Smurthwaite (6th Bn. N.F.).
O.S. Willets (R.N.V.R.) beat Fus. Morning (6th Bn. N.F.).

Welter-Weights.

O.S. Barclay (R.N.V.R.) lost to Fus. Marshall (6th Bn. N.F.).
O.S. Ferguson (R.N.V.R.) beat Fus. Bell (6th Bn. N.F.).

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Officials.

Referee :—Capt. Deane, R.A.
Judges :—Capt. G. N. Long and Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke.
Timekeeper :—Capt. F. Wombwell, M.B.E.

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On Thursday and Friday, 11th and 12th December, the Officers and friends provided a variety show in the nature of a revue, and we might at once admit the talent came from sources other than our own ranks. True, we had the grimy set of silent workers behind the scenes, and on the roof, but no one seemed to have parlour tricks that were worth the actual limelight.

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Captains France and Angus—both still invalids—we much missed, but Miss France carried the vast responsibilities exceedingly well. We can afford to be unbiased, as we were delighted with the entertainment, which was quite the best we have seen of its kind for many years. In fact, it would be difficult to suggest the slightest improvement, and we can only repeat our thanks to Major Sherlock and all who performed for their efforts on behalf of the Fusilier Aid Society and our Regimental Club. We give below a list of the performers :—

The Misses Marjorie France, Doreen Watson, Monica Aitchison, Beatrice Aitchison, Marion Davidson, Stella Rutherford and Eileen Allison.

Messrs. Laidman-Browne, Kendrew-Milson, Lacy Thompson, Lloyd Russell and Geoffrey Blayney, R.S.M. O'Hara and Sjt. J. W. Stewart.

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A Battalion Dance was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd instant. This was a great success, and there was quite a good attendance. We would, however, like to see more of the Battalion taking advantage of these functions, as they bring people together again who would otherwise not see each other until Training Period. Our thanks are due to the Quartermaster and the members of the Permanent Staff for a splendidly-organised function. Only those who have actually done a job of this nature realize the amount of time and trouble occasioned. C.S.M. Cornes acted as M.C., and we must congratulate him on the able way he carried out his duties.

The Miniature Range Competition is still in progress, each Company having fired once. Great keenness is being shewn in this quarter, and by all accounts, the result will be very close.

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Our Annual Christmas Tree and Party will be held on Saturday, 27th instant, and we hope will, if possible, be even a bigger success than the last one.

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It may interest many of the Battalion to know from which source the cost of the entertainment is made. Our ex-Officers and their friends always contribute largely to this Fund, and a small balance which is usually required, is met from the Canteen Fund.

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The following kindly sent donations :—Col. N. L. Parmeter ; A. L. Bird ; G. F. Charlton ; J. A. Gardner ; Capt. T. Sopwith ; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Clayton ; F. Carrick ; Major R. Temperley ; Col. Ritson ; Capt. H. D. K. Davies ; Lord Kirkley ; Col. Rogers ; W. Chartres Youll ; Capt. R. Harrison ; Major H. H. Blair ; Capt. E. J. Proctor ; Capt. Crossley Coolme ; Capt. R. W. Nicholson.

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The Officers attended the Annual Dinner of our Serjeant's Mess on the 6th December. A full account of this appears elsewhere, and we thank the members of that Mess most sincerely for the hospitality and entertainment provided. The evening was one of the best this gathering has had, and we were very pleased to see so many—if not all—of our serving Serjeants there.

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We heartily congratulate the members of our Serjeants' Mess on their very excellent performance at Ponteland for the Competitions held by the Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers and Serjeants' Association, and their success compensates us to a great extent for our comparatively poor efforts at the County Meeting. Serjeant Rhodes did especially well, and we hope he will continue to hold Col. Robinson's very handsome Cup.

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We reprint from the *Newcastle Daily Journal* the following account of our new Honorary Colonel :—

" Lieut.-Col. William Henry Ritson, C.M.G., V.D., of Springwell Hall, Durham, who last night was gazetted Honorary Colonel of the 6th (Newcastle) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), succeeds the late Duke of Northumberland in that honoured position.

" It is 45 years since Col. Ritson joined the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, with which he served continuously from 1885 to 1908. In that year, on the formation of the Territorial Force, the unit became known as the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, and Col. Ritson was appointed the first Commanding Officer, a position which he held for four years.

" On the outbreak of the Great War in 1914 he was one of the patriotic Quaysiders who assisted in raising the " Commercial " Battalions of the famous county regiment, and in September, 1914, was appointed to command the 16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, which was the first Service Battalion raised by the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce.

" In 1915 he proceeded to France with the Unit, which he commanded until August, 1916, when he was invalided home. He had the honour of being made a Companion of the Order

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of St. Michael and St. George in 1916, and is the holder of the Volunteer Decoration.

" Since the War, Col. Ritson has taken a keen interest in the 16th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' League, of which he is chairman, and has had the pleasure of presiding over many happy re-unions in Newcastle.

" Son of Mr. Utrick A. Ritson, the well-known coal-owner, Col. Ritson was educated at Leys, Cambridge, and at one time played three-quarter back for the Northumberland Rugby Club. He was formerly Durham County Commissioner for Boy Scouts, a position in which he was succeeded by Lord Barnard in October, 1929.

Serjeants' Mess.

On Saturday evening, the 21st December, Col. Ernest Robinson, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., Honorary Colonel of the Tyne Electrical Engineers, R.E. (T.A.), presented the shooting trophies to the winners of the various shooting events, which were competed for on Ponteland Range in September last.

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This occasion was the Annual Dinner of the Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers and Serjeants' Association which was held in the County Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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There was a large gathering, with many Officers, including Bt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C.

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The members of our Serjeants' Mess were again to the fore in the prize list, and we congratulate Sjt. T. Rhodes, our veteran and consistent shot, on winning the Col. Robinson Aggregation Cup.

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This Cup he holds for one year. It is a beautiful trophy, which was presented to the Association by Col. Robinson this year.

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The Col. Pinkney Cup was won by our Serjeants " C " Team whom we heartily congratulate. They, too, hold the Cup for one year, and the replica is another addition to our Serjeants' Mess Trophies. We entered three teams in this competition, conditions were similar to those for the Co-operative Union Challenge Cup at the County Meeting, *i.e.*, Knock Out, Falling Plates.

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The progress of the three teams is very interesting :—

Our " A " Team was defeated in the 1st round by the North'd. Hussars.

Our " B " Team was defeated in the third round.

Our " C " Team :—

1st round, a bye.

2nd round, 6th Bn. North'd. Fus. " C " Team beat 9th D.L.I.

3rd round, 6th Bn. North'd. Fus. " C " Team beat T.E.E., R.E.

Final, 6th Bn. North'd. Fus. " C " Team beat The Northumberland Hussars.

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The winning team was :—Drum-Major B. Snowdon (*capt.*), Sjts. C. Johnston, T. Potts, J. McAnnelly, and O. Kay.

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We hope that by next year the Serjeants' Mess will require an extension to their Trophy case.

The Serjeants' Mess Annual Dinner was held in the Crown Hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 6th December, and was presided over by R.S.M. O'Hara. There were approximately 80 people present, including guests, Mess members and their friends.

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We were favoured with the presence of our recently appointed Honorary Colonel, Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D.

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The Commanding Officer and Officers of the Battalion were very strongly represented, there being only three absentees. Colonel E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., and Capt. R. Embleton, M.C., of the R.A.S.C., were also present.

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After dinner the company were entertained by the Premier Concert Party.

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The toasts " Commanding Officer " and " Officers of the Battalion " were given by R.S.M. O'Hara, and were suitably responded to by our Commanding Officer. " The Guests " was given by Drum-Major Snowdon, and was replied to by Colonel W. H. Ritson.

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Towards 10 o'clock we were favoured with a visit from the Lord Mayor, Alderman David Adams, and the Acting Sheriff, Councillor R. J. Thompson, whose healths were proposed by C.Q.M.S. Nockles.

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The arrangements of the Dinner were in the hands of C.S.M. Sargent, C.S.M. Hoggins, C.S.M. Chisholm, C.Q.M.S. Bowman, Drum-Major Snowdon, Sjt. T. Johnson, and C.Q.M.S. Nockles, M.C.

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
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December, 1930.

TO the many kind friends who sent us cards of greeting we tender our best thanks, and to these and all our readers we wish every good wish in 1931.

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Letter to the Editor.

8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
31st December, 1930.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1930, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary.

The Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

Instituted 1904.

Winter is here. The hand of poverty is lying heavily on hundreds of erstwhile gallant Fifth Fusiliers and Funds are exhausted.

Any sum, large or small, also cast off clothing and boots will always be welcomed by

The Secretary,
8, Higham Place,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

British Soldiers returning from India.

Training for Civil Employment.

NOW that another "Trooping Season" has begun, and some thousands of British soldiers are due to be discharged from the Army in India, for repatriation to their homes in the British Isles, it is interesting to note the efforts which are being made by the Army authorities in India to fit those comparatively young ex-soldiers for civil employment in this country and in the Dominions.

The scheme for vocational training of soldiers serving in India has been elaborated since its inception in 1928, and as a result some 1,800 men will have received training this year in various trades. This training has been received during the last few months of the soldiers' service in the Army, 500 men having been trained at the Army Vocational Training Centres in England and the remainder at Government establishments, farms, dairies, engineer and railway workshops, and with large European firms in India.

A limited number of soldiers is necessarily employed in trades whilst serving in the Army, but the majority are not so employed, and it is for the benefit of such men that the scheme was instituted. Wherever possible, help is given to men to regain skill in their previous occupations, rather than to endeavour to teach them new trades.

The privilege of receiving training in a trade or occupation whilst in the Army is only granted to soldiers who by their service have proved themselves worthy of such benefits, preference being given to men who have attained a certain standard of education and whose conduct has been satisfactory.

The Army Authorities in India work in close co-operation with the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, whose Head Office is at 62, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1; The British Legion, whose Head Office is at Haig House, 26, Eccleston Square, London, S.W. 1; and various other organisations who materially assist in bringing applicants for employment into touch with employers of labour.

Blind Soldiers without a Pension.

SOME years ago the National Institute for the Blind established a Special Fund from which to help those blind ex-Service men who, because their blindness is not attributable to war service, are ineligible either for pension or for training at St. Dunstan's. Assistance is also given to the blind dependents of serving or ex-Service men.

Much of the success of the movement has been due to the enthusiasm of the Institute's blind Chairman, Capt. Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C.; and financial support is drawn largely from Units of His Majesty's forces. It is notable that regular donations are received from Indian Units with only a small quota of British Officers. Help is also given by the Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Air Ministry.

The men are assisted in various ways. Some are cleared of debt, others set up in small businesses, and others granted temporary relief while undergoing training. During the past year, £1,430 has been expended by the Fund on this noble work. Donations should be sent to Capt. Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., The National Institute for the Blind, 224, Great Portland Street, London, W. 1., and marked "Blind Ex-Service Men's Fund."

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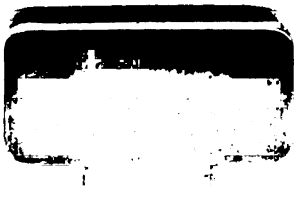

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